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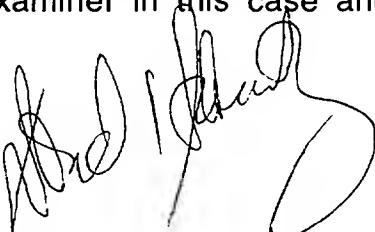
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## [54] LEAF STRUCTURE WITH A HINGED REPOSITIONAL BINDING

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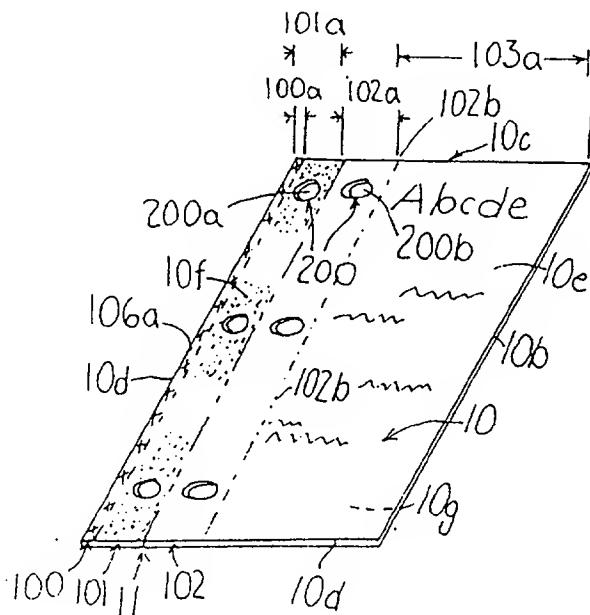
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## [57] ABSTRACT

This invention relates to leaf structures where the leaf structure is used for the capture, representation, organization, access, presentation, communication, and delivery of information, and to such leafs further comprising a leaf body portion serving as a media strip and a leaf binding strip, where the leaf binding strip offers a novel binding structure capable of providing alternative ways of being attached to other objects, where said binding structure provides a hinged

binding with repositional adhesive as a part thereof allowing for the pivotal and semi-permanent attachment of the leaf structure to other objects, where said semi-permanent attachment allows said leaf structure to be directly attached and subsequently reattached by way of the self possessed repositional adhesive, to a host, particularly a host book, it's bindings, it's surfaces, and or its covers, where said semi-permanent repositional adhesive means may be deactivated, by pivotally folding said binding strip into a position coincident with the leaf body, thereby allowing for the separate manipulation of the leaf free of any adhesive constraints, as any leaf might be handled, bound, shuffled, or otherwise attached to a another structural binding, such as a ring binding, clip, or the like. These leafs and their bindings relate therefore to the non-sequential (non-linear) binding of leafs a host binding, first by permitting attachment by physical repositioning through use of their self possessed repositional adhesive to a host surface, while being able to be turned as a page of their host binding whether, sewn, stitched, ring or the like, by way of their unique hinged attachment means, and second, with repositional adhesive deactivated, through loose binding such as "shuffling" or by attachment to a structure such as a ring, a clip, or the like. The adhesive binding offers various ways of providing activation and deactivation, and in combination with a host leaf, various ways of being attached to multiple bindings. The invention provides for the binding of the hinged leaves one to another, therefore offering a new kind of book binding where the binding of the leaves forms a mini-book with a spine comprising hinged binding strips, one adhesive strip hingedly attached to the other, thereby allowing for the turning of each leaf as a page and for the selective separation and non-linear reconstruction of the book of leaves without need for another form of binding structure to keep the leaves together.

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LEAF STRUCTURE WITH A HINGED  
REPOSITIONAL BINDINGCROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED  
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This application is a continuation-in-part of commonly assigned U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/019,645 filed Feb. 18, 1993, now abandoned, which is a continuation in part of abandoned commonly assigned U.S. patent application Ser. No. 07/963,907 filed Oct. 20, 1992. 10

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to binding means for leaf structures where the leaf structure is used for the capture, representation, organization, access, presentation, communication, and delivery of information, and to such leaf's further comprising a top window surface having perimeter features including a plurality of edges, where at least one edge offers novel binding means capable of providing alternate ways of being attached to other objects, where said binding means relates to a hinged binding that offers means for semi-permanent attachment to other objects, where said semi-permanent attachment allows said leaf structure to be directly attached and subsequently reattached, by way of a self possessed repositional(capable of being attached, removed and reattached many times) adhesive, to a host, particularly a host book, it's bindings, it's surfaces, i.e. its pages, and or its covers, where said semi-permanent repositional adhesive means may be deactivated, thereby allowing for the separate binding of the leaf as any leaf might be manipulated, shuffled, or otherwise attached to a structural binding, such as a ring binding, clip, or the like. These leafs and their bindings relate, therefore, to the non-sequential (non-linear) pivotal binding of leafs to alternative host binding structures. First, pivotal attachment is offered by way of the hinged adhesive binding structure, and enables the page to be turned as a page of it's host binding whether, sewn, stitched, ring or the like, said non-linear behavior being enabled by physical repositioning through use of a self possessed repositional adhesive allowing attachment to a host surface. Second, with repositional adhesive deactivated, non-linear repositioning is enabled through attachment to a structure such as a ring, by way of an integral cut pattern, or to a clip, pocket, or loosely coupled via rubberband or like "unbound book" binding means. 15 20 25 30 35 40 45

The invention particularly relates to the provision of such semi-permanently attachable pages which possess repositional adhesive as one of the multiple binding means and offer the property hereinafter referred to as "repositional window paging", the ability for the page to maintain its top or "window surface(face)" and perimeter orientation in various bound positions by removal and replacement using the semi-permanent attachment means offered. The new aspect here is the novel way of allowing for the activation and deactivation of the repositional adhesive along a pivotally folded hinged strip. 50 55

The invention relates to leafs of various types according to the invention possessing writing, forms such as calendar formats, adhesive strips, adhesive mounting surfaces, and basic mounting surfaces, including leaf sets comprised of pluralities of surfaces, leafs which themselves are folded in a pattern forming a plurality of surfaces, pockets of various styles, leafs as indexes with one or more indexing edges, leafs with writing surfaces such as notepads, and leafs with means for attaching posted repositional notes which serve as 60 65

5 a delivery system for attachment and subsequent manipulation of arrays of stacks of repositional notes of varying sizes. The leafs may have their structural features such as their fold hints and hole patterns, cut therein, prefolded, or otherwise printed in such a fashion that their unique structural formation and behavior is enabled.

10 The invention relates to a particular form of repositional leaf body which has a plurality of repositional note stacks and an adjoining leaf array. The invention relates to the mechanical implementation of this object.

15 This general feature of repositional window paging, when added to or implemented as any one of a number of these different surface types improves visual access and dynamic manual access to the surfaces as part of a book system.

15 These mounting surfaces may therefore be offered as easily repositional pages for a host book to enhance the overall notetaking process.

20 The invention further relates to leaves with surfaces offering semi-permanent retaining means which enable easy removal and reinsertion, permitting rapid reordering for non-linear access, while retaining their semi-permanent binding during the page turning operation, to such mounting surfaces which provide "repositional window paging", which may be semi-permanently attached to the surfaces of

25 a host using a self-possessed repositional adhesive, and subsequently attached to say a ring, clip, or other binding structure, when their repositional adhesive is deactivated.

30 The invention also relates to the construction of mini-books, "booklets" where each leaf is turnable as a page and is semi-permanently retained in the booklet.

35 The invention therefore relates to book systems formed by combining covers, rings, and windowing surfaces according to this invention that offer compact, reconfigurable, highly visual means for handling heterogenous, mixed media forms of information. In particular to book systems comprised of mounting surfaces according to this invention, with repositional notes mounted thereon which are retained for referential access and whose value ages according to time and content merit, where the leaf bodies and the notes mounted thereon provide high referential integrity and the construction of contexts of groups of notes comprised of notes where each note represents an item of information. Further, where the groupings of notes are capable of being reconstructed dynamically and where their leaf carrying member may be subsequently reintegrated in a hosts with alternate binding structures.

45 These repositional windowing surfaces, implemented with removable holes and cut patterns according to this invention, may be implemented with the hole pattern formed as an attachable tape strip, or, alternatively with an adhesive strip of any (and appropriate) length ("short" strips have a length that is shorter than the overall page length) or width ("narrow strips" have a width that is sized so as not to interfere with a leaf hole pattern by way of being narrower than the distance from the hinged edge to the point of the hole closest to that hinged edge), or they may be implemented directly as part of a surface, i.e. a page, in standard length (page length) and standard width (typically a 0.6 in tape band of repositional adhesive) or in short and narrow form, with a recording section formed in a suitable way to the end application.

50 With the primary application of this binding as a new form of repositional note, i.e. for example Postit™ (brand name of 3M Company), the existence of repositional notes in and of themselves must be considered. Currently, the traditional repositional note in standard form has it's adhe-

sive on the opposing side, when considered with respect to the side used as the writing surface. In this form of positional note, the note is written on directly as an opaque surface receptive to writing, i.e. paper. The adhesive is active when the note is unattached to a host object, and the adhesive operates as its sole binding means for attaching to a host surface. First, when such a note is placed in a book, the note typically covers the surface on which it is placed. Although this is not always the case, as with notes made with a clear plastic material as a part thereof, the dominant note formfactors as standard format notes in "macrosizes" of 1.5"×2" and up have this property. Adhesive strength being set for removability, any effort to "look below" the note, by lifting up the opposing edge of the note, to see below, results in a turning torque orthogonal to the adhesive binding and thereby results in the undesirable separation of the note from its host surface and the progressive curling back of the note. Curling back occurs when the larger extent of the unadhesively attached section is lifted off its host surface and creates other problems in appearance, readability, and unwanted dislodging by other interfering objects. Additionally, standard form uses only one side of a positional note for representation purposes, i.e. the note cannot be turned in place so that both sides may be used (exposing the other side dislodges the note). Therefore existing positional notes do not lend themselves to be turned, but rather are for the static posting to a surface, only one side used for representation, and moved only by purposeful separation.

Further, existing positional notes are primarily writing surfaces and act as substitutes for paper in the notetaking process. If one were to mount a written positional note on top of a second positional note as a host surface, (accepting the current and typical pattern of adhesive for these notes which has the adhesive along a single edge with a tape band of approximately 0.6 inches), for the purpose of using the second or host note to move one or more written notes placed on top of it as a group, a number of other problems would arise. First, paper surfaces are not ideally suited for receiving positional notes. The placement of positional adhesive on granular surfaces yields fewer movements per adhesive application than would placement on a smooth (coated) surface. Even if stronger or wider adhesive is used, some form of smooth surface is preferable for the host note. In other words, if the host (second) note is to be used as a moving means, and not for writing, its surface would be better constructed as a smooth surface for receiving notes as a primary function. Second, if the note is structured as a standard format note, i.e. with adhesive along one edge and on the opposing side of the mounting or writing side, and formed from thin paper as is the standard case, then when the host note is lifted, all the notes mounted there on can dislodge in an adhock manner from the curling effect of lifting the standard format host note.

In addition, once such a note is used, its secondary location is limited to a surface in which the adhesive may be applied again. This will result in the note being attached to other pages by its self-contained adhesive which other pages, themselves, may be bound in any number of ways to a host. The note itself may not be used in a second, non-adhesive binding manner. For example, if one wanted to "shuffle" such a set of standard format notes, this would be impossible since the active adhesive would attach to the first object it came in contact with. It might be possible to reorder the notes by breaking and relinking their adhesives, one to the other. This, however would be a very time consuming operation and would not provide the full eye hand effect of resistance free shuffling.

Typically notes are written on, then discarded. Here, notes which are written on are reused in an overall referential structure that is multidimensional as opposed to sequential, and the consumption of or utilization of notes is increased

5 not by throwing away but instead by a process of intelligent collecting. Even notes which are no longer needed in an active sense may be intelligently "garbage collected" by category and used as a list of referencable and completed items, thereby forming an item based note "microworld".

10 Typically leafs used for attachment to a structural binding, i.e. a ring or a clip, possess any number of forms and related functions, i.e. pockets, acetate, folds of various kinds and have a standard cut pattern for attachment to a compatible target host binding. However, these surfaces may not be

15 attached to any other surface at random but require a compatible host binding of like structure for reattachment. Surfaces according to this invention possess their own adhesive, in the preferred embodiment, a repositional adhesive, for attachment to a second surface.

20 Typically, to form a multi-leaf structure, a binding means must be employed. There are numerous binding means available, but often these are structural bindings that are "thickened" by the binding structure itself, like a ring, wire, clip, or stapled folded structure that have a minimum height

25 defined by the height of the binding itself. The binding thickness is not directly equivalent to the thickness of the sum of the leafs bound, but sets the maximum number of leafs which can be received. The ability to place/insert a preset number of leafs as a "turnable" leaf set module,

30 within another leafed structure where the leaf set thickness of the insertable module is no greater than the sum of the thickness of one or more of the number of leafs themselves has been unavailable. Providing such multi-leaf structures, in particular multi-leaf sets, with their own direct binding means through a selectively "activatable" adhesive is new. Providing an adhesive which may be attached to a multiple leaf structure thereby enabling it to function as a semi-permanently attachable leaf set is new.

35 So, the invention further relates to the construction of mini-books, "booklets" where each leaf is turnable as a page and is semi-permanently retained in the booklet, and where the leaves are formed with the leaf structures according to the invention where each of the leaves has a hinged repositionable binding, cascaded, one attached to the other in a pad format with an optional deactivation base leaf or strip. The formats of the leafs may include any of the leaf styles in prefolded combination.

40 Therefore, windowing pages that preserve the face and perimeter orientation of the top surface or "window", which may be constructed as writing surfaces, or multi-function surfaces, and which may be semi-permanently attached to a heterogenous set of bindings, binder surfaces, i.e. the cover or other surfaces of the host object, (i.e. the blank book or notebook) using a "deactivatable" repositional adhesive have been unavailable. Further, such heterogenous binding repositionable notes acting as "repositionable window pages" which themselves act as mounting surfaces for, in particular, other repositionable notes, and which provide a quality means

45 for the posting of groups of notes mounted theron have been unavailable. Such repositionable windowing pages as described, delivered in a semi-permanent attached fashion, thereby offering non-sequential positioning across heterogenous bindings, have been unavailable to notebook users.

50 60 65 Additionally, leafs with short and narrow binding tabs which offer repositional adhesive on a portion thereof, may be folded over to deactivate, and which leave all perimeter

edges "free" but for the perimeter section along which the binding tab is located, have been unavailable.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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The invention therefore relates to pages as writing surfaces, mounting surfaces, or the like, with a novel, hinged, edge binding that can be directly attached to a host, in particular a host book, by way of a self-possessed repositional adhesive, and which can alternatively have their 10 repositional adhesive deactivated by attachment of a portion of itself to another part of itself, and thereby be bound by other conventional external binding means such as rings, 15 clips, and the like, or be shuffled in a resistance free manner..

The invention further relates to ways of grouping an array of single leafs according to the invention as writing or mounting surfaces through use of the adhesive, pivotal binding edge, into mini-books and to oval holes which allow for standard use when part of a mini-book fold set. So, the 20 invention further relates to the construction of mini-books, "booklets" where each leaf is turnable as a page and is semi-permanently retained in the booklet; and where the leaves are formed with the leaf structures according to the invention where each of the leaves has a hinged repositionable binding, cascaded, one attached to the other in a pad format with an optional deactivation base leaf or strip. The 25 formats of the leafs may include any of the leaf styles in prefolded combination, such as leafs with prefolded short and narrow tabs with a portion of the tab having repositionable adhesive on it where the tab is integrally formed as a part of the removable leaf. The short tab preferably has a curved radius joining a corner of the note to the tab. The 30 curved radius can be at one or both tab ends. The tab is folded back and cascaded where the curved radius enables 35 single leaf release from the pad assembly. The base leaf preferably has a band of repositionable adhesive from top end to bottom end to receive the full binding edge of a base leaf and thereby retain the pad assembly while single or multiple leafs are removed by the user. The radius curve 40 leaves a note corner free so the consumer can, if necessary, peel the note to be released up while holding the corner of the note below to keep the pad stable on release of the top note or group of notes, or a flap edge of a host pocket (say in vinyl or other flexible material) can hold the top corner 45 stable. This is optional and is not necessary for pad use.

The invention also relates to various forms of mounting surfaces, as surface constructions, which may be used with the edge binding according to the invention, which mounting surfaces may include clear plastic surfaces for posting 50 repositionable notes thereon, writing surfaces, indexes, adhesively coated surfaces, and the like.

The invention further relates to semi-permanent/non-adhesive retaining means which may be implemented via cut patterns of various types, for attaching to other bindings 55 such as rings and wire bindings, and to strips formed from said semi-permanent cut patterns in combination with a parallel strip of adhesive, as a tape. These tapes, formed from a variety of materials such as spun fibre (e.g. Tyvec™ Dupont/spun olefin) or mylar or like "many foldable material", allow the construction of leafs employing the multi-purpose bindings according to the invention, which enable 60 the easy insertion and removal of leafs so constructed, while retaining their semi-permanent binding during the page turning operation independent of the outward and inward 65 force placed on the page, orthogonally to the host binding for the page.

The invention relates to ways of packaging the repositional window pages as stacks of repositional notes as well as ways of distributing the repositional strips as arrays of tabs, tape rolls, or like and similar distribution format.

5 The invention relates to systems used in information handling where highly visual access to said information is desirable and where the continuous recategorization and or updating of that information is needed. Books typically thought to be used purely for delivery of information as reference guides are being increasingly put to use as "active" information tools for known categories of information. This invention relates to applications demanding interactive reuse of manually and visually accessible information.

10 The application of the "repositional WindowPage® (a registered™ of PEI) Insert" as a book mark (i.e a "Smart-BookMark™ a trademark of PEI"), in simple or multifolded construction, which can be used to retain information as it is moved through the book would be one such application. This would be particularly advantageous for use in school books and the like, where it would be desirable to retain notes in context of a sewn bound book and then store them for reference in a ring bound book or the pocket of an organizer. This would suggest certain standard sizes such as 5"×8" or 8½"×11". Another application would be for a 15 "patch page" for a glue bound book such as a magazine or the like. In this case, the window surface would be printed with a message of some form and the leaf could be placed in the magazine as an add or other information source. Removal and reattachment to another surface would be 20 enabled by the construction according to this invention. The preferred way of constructing the adhesive on the hinged binding strip makes this page an ideal add in page for a wire bound book as well, where the hinged strip can be placed on a page, along the seam of the wire, and can turn as an add-in 25 "floating" page of the wire bound book. This construction provides an extremely flat binding for notetaking surfaces, allowing for the construction of a "black board notetaking system" as detailed in the inventors U.S. Pat. No. 5,048,869. In the black board application, the form factor of particular 30 relevance is the surface as a mounting surface for other notes. Various mounting surface constructions would extend the application further, as with mounted repositional indexes, or removable strips which themselves might be 35 writable, which exposed and adhesive, preferable repositional, to which one might attach other objects such as business cards and the like. The introduction of printed forms using this structure would employ the top window page directly as a writing surface. A calendar application would be an example. Whether printed or not, this configuration 40 is a new form factor for repositional notes. The use of a stronger adhesive, even a seemingly permanent adhesive, would be particularly useful for certain multi-function constructions where a pocket and an inserted module are 45 employed. The book mark can be made the width of a margin, whether in single or multifolded format, and can work along side the text as opposed to hingedly overlaying the text.

50 Therefore an object of this invention is to provide for surfaces which posses a novel binding means along at least one edge where said binding means comprises a repositional adhesive attached to a hinged binding in such a fashion that the note thereby formed may be written on both surfaces, i.e. the top window and the bottom window surface, as well as being turned as a page of a book to which it is attached, 55 without being dislodged in an adhoc fashion.

60 The repositional adhesive binding tab section may be short, i.e. shorter than the length of the edge of the page to

which it is attached, and when this is the case, all the perimeter features, as in the case of a rectangular page the four corners, would be free for "touching" almost like a loose or floating page. This would give the look and feel of a free sheet or a sheet in a ring.

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Further it is an object of this invention to provide such a hinged binding edge in which the adhesive may be deactivated by folding or by attachment of a second deactivation strip and which when deactivated possess a second binding means such as a pattern of holes for attachment to a second 10 and different binding structure, such as a ringed binding.

Further, it is an object of this invention to provide for a variety of surface types possessing this type of binding including pockets, adhesive based mounting surfaces, mounting surfaces with index tabs, laminated or otherwise 15 smooth treated mounting surfaces, clear acetate, mixed clear and opaque material, lifetime foldable material such as tyvec (non tear spun fibre), and writing material such as paper for providing a means to allow repositioning of mixed media 20 representational forms in otherwise non-compatible host bindings.

It is a further object of this invention to provide for a way to attach arrays of notes to the mounting portion of such a leaf where either single layers of posted notes or multiple 25 layers as a note source are deployable without the arrays of notes being dislodged on the movement of the leaf.

It is a further object of this invention to offer various ways of packaging the notes themselves as note stacks, or to pack the tape in strips, or rolls, and to package the strips in arrays 30 on sheets for direct peeling by the consumer.

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It is a further object of this invention to offer a way to "flat bind" a set of leafs which together possess the property of repositional attachment and subsequent adhesive deactivation and which may alternatively be pivotally attached to a 35 second structure for use, for example, in enhancing the process of notetaking or in enabling the distribution of printed materials.

It is a further object of this invention to offer the flat binding multi-leaf structure as an object of invention as well 40 as a means for allowing attachable formfactors which themselves may alternatively be pivotally attached to a second structure.

In accordance with the invention, what is provided, and as shown by a preferred embodiment in FIGS. 1 and 2, is a page 45 with a top and bottom window face and perimeter features including at least two opposing edges that is hinged near one edge by a fold along an axis parallel to said edge, thereby dividing said page into two parts, a binding strip and a leaf body, where the binding strip is a pivotally creased hinge 50 strip of approximate page margin width (or less), and where the leaf body is (in this instance) constructed as a writing surface. The leaf binding strip has placed upon it a layer of repositional adhesive. The repositional adhesive is placed on the top face, face up, on the leaf binding strip, i.e., on the 55 same face as the adjoining writing surface (top face). The binding edge can be pivotally folded to place the adhesive in contact with the top writing surface, thereby deactivating the adhesive, or can be pivotally folded below and serve as a means for enabling the hinged attachment of the page to a 60 second host surface. In the preferred embodiment, said adhesive is placed in such a fashion so as to be partially removed from the outer edge of said strip, thereby forming a lifting edge, free of adhesive, which enables the lifting of the strip from either attached position, a first position in 65 which the strip is folded over with the adhesive surface bonded to the writing surface, or a second position in which

the page is "hingedly" attached to a second surface. The fold axis allows the page to be turned naturally, as a page of the host book itself, when placed in a compact host binding such as a stitched, sewn, or wire bound book binding, the strip with adhesive, providing a binding edge which is subsequently removable and reattachable, and that enables preservation of the orientation of the top window surface of the mounting surface in a plurality of locations when reattached along said same binding edge, with respect to the book to which it is attached. The adhesive means for attaching the surface to the book may be a permanent adhesive, but is preferably a semi-permanent repositional adhesive. The strip with repositional adhesive, when folded in such a way as to place the adhesive in contact with the top face of the page deactivates the adhesive since the adhesive is now completely covered and allows for other forms of binding of the page, such as by way of the punched hole binding shown. FIG. 2 shows the alternate deactivation of the repositional adhesive and the placement of the page in a ring binder, where opening or closing of a ring mechanism is required for removal and repositioning of the page.

Other applications of this form factor would include a sheet with a narrow adhesive strip. The narrow strip would not overlap the holes and would be suitable for narrow binding margins of host books. A "leaf body" as a mounting surface could have adhesive applied on it and removable strips which themselves might be writable and or adhesive could be peeled off exposing the underlying adhesive. The underlying adhesive would then provide a surface for attaching other objects such as business cards. Alternatively, the strips could have adhesive on a portion of them and be formed as peelable indexes mounted on a nonadhesive mounting surface. Also, one might print a calendar or other format as a form on one or both sides. All the markings as hints can be printed (on one or both sides) or alternatively cut, or in the case of the folds, also prefolded. The cut can be any kind of perforation which enhances folding and may have a functional objective as well, as shown in the wire bound case later.

The delivery of a stack of repositional notes fashioned as detailed above, might be implemented as a pad with two sets of parallel drilled holes, with a fold hint on each sheet of the pad. The adhesive and writing or mounting surface would be face up. The holes can be oval to support interleaved folding when minibooking so as not to "loose the hole" when grouping a stack and folding the last adhesive over to deactivate the lot. The markings, if printed, can be printed on either or both sides. Printing on the back can enhance consumer folding in certain cases.

A description of variations to be claimed include a version of the preferred embodiment without the punched hole pattern. Note that the peeling edge of the adhesive strip may be printed on both sides to identify the location and orientation of the adhesive. This variation might be constructed with the adhesive placed flush to the hinged binding edge.

The single leaf variation is basically formed with two panels where one panel is the writing surface and the second pivotally attached panel is an adhesive strip. The adhesive strip may be of any length and width suitable to the application. A shorter strip would allow four free corners of the host leaf and allow it to have the look and feel of a "loose page". A narrow strip would support narrow margins of host books and would also be able to be folded into "deactive" position without interfering with a hole pattern if one exists on the first writing panel. The hinge for pivotally folding the adhesive panel can be cut for easy folding, like in the wirebound sample, or can be prefolded, or marked for

folding. A short strip of sufficient width might overlay a portion or just one hole of a leaf with a hole. The writing panel can be die cut to a variety of shapes. This would be very useful for the book mark application and would be a way to create a variety of appealing shapes for children, such as a face, the perimeter features of a state, an animal or the like. This can be coupled with printed features of the die cut object such as eyes etc. The leaf body may be stiffened and the removable strip left flexible. This might be a likely form factor for a Tyvec leaf but would work with any flexible material and would have the added advantage of enabling a quick and perfect fold along the preferred hinge axis. The stiff edge would provide a folding edge and therefore, premarking or hinting could be eliminated. Any depletion of removable/repo-adhesive can be replenished by the consumer. It would even be possible to have the consumer place the initial band of adhesive on the positional binding strip, although this is generally less desirable.

It is possible to stiffen only the edge possessing the alternative binding structure (i.e. the edge with the holes). This edge may have a hole which intersects the leaf perimeter. The stiffener might be a tyvec or a mylar material applied to the surface of the leaf.

Alternatively two opposing edges may be provided with the folded strip binding means as may be two orthogonal edges. This would allow for subsequent repositioning with hinged attachment allowing for different page turning behavior in subsequent placements. The cut pattern can be a tooth form suitable for attachment to a wirebound book binding which structure would be employed, for instance, when the positional adhesive was deactivated.

The page surface can take on different structure and still be formed as a single leaf from a single sheet of material. In one variation, the surface is a multi-folded sheet where the subsequent folds are layered one on top of the next, as in an accordion fold, allowing for the subsequent extension and compaction of the surface depending on viewing needs. Such a surface might be printed with a calendar or telephone page format or a like form of written solicitation or otherwise with any form of information representation. This variation can have the folds adhesively coupled to form "stiffened" leaves which may also be laminated for the purpose of marking or mounting. This can all be folded out of a single sheet of paper, mylar, or tyvec like material.

Alternatively, the surface might be formed as an index page with at least one indexing edge, or a pocket in any one of various styles.

For the ease of the pocket in which the pocket is formed with an insertion section along the edge comprising the hinged fold axis, it would be possible to insert a pad card or note card having a stacked array of positional notes thereon, where the note or pad card would have a cover which itself could be folded back and under the media bearing section of the card to form a tongue for insertion into the pocketed, adhesively attachable page. The note or pad card might also comprise a second tongue on its media surface which could be inserted into a slit on the pocket to keep the media card, when mounted, from flapping out of position. The card could itself have the adhesive applied directly to it, for direct mounting to a host surface. For the pocketed version, a partial pocket which might be formed by folding over the outer edge and laminating the free edges would house a leaf which might be half the page width, with the other half of the leaf body mounting surface left "unobstructed" for stacking a set of positional notes. This structure can be formed in a number of ways including using

tabs at the free edges which are adhesively attached to the opposing side of the leaf body to form the pocket. The edges could also be heat sealed or welded depending on the material used. The pocket lip can optionally be extended to form one or more leafs for mounting things on, such as postit notes. The repositional notes would be of equal width to the leaf set and would be noted and posted to the leaf array. The leaf might be folded so as to provide a protective barrier for this note stack so it would not be easily dislodged. The leaf might alternatively be folded over a plastic profile with such a barrier and thereby create the barrier and pocket. The representation of this structure would be useful for the purpose of note capture and preliminary representation. The specific structure could have note pads of varying heights and in a preferred embodiment would be at least two colors to support notes separated for personal and business record keeping. The object itself, in its formal representation as a column of notes of varying height, where the notes would be in at least one, but preferable two colors, and accompanied by a columnar leaf array.

The adhesive can be machine applied. However, an alternate embodiment would deliver the page with fold markings or "prefold" indications which could have markings for the directive application of adhesive, and would suggest a means for applying adhesive, which adhesive may be pressed on by the consumer at will by means of a dispenser of some kind.

In another variation, the adhesive would be deactivated by a strip applied over the hinged strip, which deactivation strip might also have an adhesive for subsequent, independent placement.

The page surface might be an opaque surface for writing upon and the hinged strip might be constructed from a clear section of material so as to not affect the viewing of written material when placed on a printed host surface. The page surface might be constructed from a smooth material susceptible to receiving other standard adhesively formed repositional notes. This can be a surface that is chemically treated or one which is laminated. The hinged strip might have a stiffener such as a mylar or other laminate placed on the non-adhesive edge to improve the feel of the surface upon removal or attachment, to prevent curling, and to ease the process of removal and subsequent replacement.

The construction of one or more surfaces with a common binding edge, in the form of a sequential page set can be accomplished using the single leaf construction, either by cascading the pages one on top of the other with the hinged strip folded back to have the adhesive edge face down, allowing each adhesive strip to mount on the top surface of the next host surface. Alternatively, the cascading can be by insertion of the folded axes one into the next like a cocoon.

If the adhesive is placed along the pivotal hinged binding on the surface opposing the writing surface, then the notes can be cascaded with the adhesive binding strip in a planar extended position, and the hinged axes will line up to allow turning of multiple notes, while at the same time enabling the attachment of the set of notes along the adhesive strip.

The single leaf, semi-permanently attachable page can be formed by attaching a strip of tape to form the binding edge. The tape can have adjacent strips or sections of adhesive running in parallel, one for permanently attaching to the primary surface to form the semi-permanently attachable page itself, and the other for forming the secondary attachment. The page might otherwise have an adhesive edge to which a section of a strip of non-adhesive coated (or adhesive coated) tape is attached, the overlapping section of

the tape adhering to the page adhesive, and the non-overlapping section of tape having adhesive for secondary attachments. Alternatively, the edge of this page so formed, may be multi-punched for subsequent attachment to another, heterogenous binding. 5

Other types of page surfaces may be employed when constructing a page from a surface with a tape binding edge. In one case a plastic surface which may be clear or partially clear and partially opaque, or any other form of smooth surface might be employed. 10

It would be possible to take a strip of adhesive tape and divide it into two parallel sections, one for overlapping multiple pages to form a page array bound along a common edge, with the other section of tape for a secondary attachment. These leafs may be paper or some other material. If they are formed as a clear thin plastic (i.e. 0.005") for receiving repositionable notes, then this form factor can be called "overlapping windows", in which the clear plastic acts as "glass" to allow the viewing of multiple layers of notes. Preferably, the non-overlapping section of tape would have repositionable adhesive and the edge would be multi-punched for subsequent binding to another binding structure. The tape edge for binding the surfaces into a multi-leaf set could be attached in cascade from the top or in cascade from the bottom, leaving a free edge of tape in which the adhesive can be on either the top or bottom surface. Thus, multi-leaf versions may be formed by using a tape strip comprised of two adhesives side by side in which the leafs are offset, one from the next along a common edge, and mounted on the first, and preferably permanent adhesive, thereby allowing each to be pivotally turned with respect to the other. The tape strip with the second and preferably removable adhesive would be free to be attached to a host or folded over into a deactivated posture. 20 25 30 35

This tape can be formed as a strip with or without holes punched therein. In one variation a tape with prepunched holes has two layers of adhesive, one repositionable placed on the outer edge, and one of a standard form, placed on an opposing inner edge and separated by a strip of width greater than or equal to the adhesive strip formed on the outer edge 40 is constructed. The prepunched holes are formed in the strips of repositionable adhesive and the adjoining non-adhesive section. In this way, the tape may be applied to any page and the prepunched holes and repositionable adhesive attached for 45 subsequent bindings.

Also the tape may be a peckable multi-strip construction with opposing peckable edges, adjoining adjacent opposing adhesive strips of a first color, and opposing and adjacent strips of a second color, possibly separated by a cut, pre-folded, or printed-fold hint. The adhesive would be on the other side and would be preferable repositionable. The hole pattern would be cut in parallel and opposing sections in the two inner strips. A mylar or tyvec or the like strip can be formed with two adhesives, one a repositionable adhesive on 50 a short strip, and the other a permanent adhesive on a long strip. The adhesive on the strips would likely be put on by a machine at construction time and might be applied at different times. The Long strip might be attached to adhesive on a host sheet of paper and might not have the adhesive 55 directly on it at any time. Similarly, a short and narrow repositionable strip can be coupled to a non adhesive holed strip which is coupled to a strip with a permanent (or tacky/repositionable) adhesive. 60

The tape strips can be made as mini-hinges in various 65 forms of narrow or wide sections of various lengths. Short lengths would be pivotally attached to a host page typically

along the center at the binding edge. One can pre-mark the hinge in the various ways detailed. Two colors can be used to enable the consumer to place the strip along a page edge such that the hinge is free to move and the permanent adhesive is marked to attach to the page side, leaving the colored repositional adhesive free for deactivation or attachment to a host. Short strips would be less than the page height and when applied to their page would leave four corners free.

10 The smart book mark tab tape strips can be delivered as a set on a mounting sheet.

In another packaging variation for the tape, any one of the tapes can be delivered in a rolled form.

15 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The above and other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from consideration of the following detailed description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like reference characters refer to like parts throughout and in which:

FIG. 1 shows an edge view of single sheet repositional page with a binding strip and a lifting strip.

25 FIG. 1a shows an edge view of the same sheet of FIG. 1 with the binding strip folded along pivotal axis into a position above the surface.

30 FIG. 1b shows an edge view of the same sheet of FIG. 1 with the binding strip 101 folded along pivotal axis 11 into a position below the surface 10g.

FIG. 2 shows a perspective view of the sheet 10 of FIG. 1. Printed edge 106a is visible, showing top window face 10e and bottom window face 10g.

35 FIG. 2a shows a perspective view of the sheet 10 of FIG. 1a.

40 FIG. 2b shows the perspective view of FIG. 2a with the binding strip 101 adhesively attached to surface 10e, and therefore deactivated. Lifting edge 105 is shown raised and the printed edge 106b is now visible. The holes 200a and 200b from the parallel strips are matched.

FIG. 2c shows a perspective view of FIG. 1b further showing how repositional adhesive strip 10f may be attached to a second surface.

45 FIGS. 2d,e,f,g,h,i, and j show the same structure as in FIGS. 1,1a,1b,2 2a,2b and 2c except for the addition of the laminated top mounting surface and the laminated binding strip. FIGS. 2d,e, and f show the side view which highlights the coated sections. The larger coated sections would be an ideal mounting section for repositional notes. The coating on the binding strip serves to strengthen that section in its pivotal attachment and removal. FIGS. 2g,h,i, and j show perspective views of the laminated sections.

55 FIGS. 2k,l,m show three applications of a leaf according to the invention. FIG. 2k shows a leaf with a narrow adhesive margin, where the adhesive may be applied on either side and which folds over, and deactivates without interfering with the hole pattern of the leaf. FIG. 2l shows the application of a leaf where the writing surface is comprised of a series of peelable strips which themselves are writable and when removed expose a band of repositional adhesive, useful for attaching nonadhesive leafs thereto. FIG. 2m shows a leaf where the writing surface is preprinted with a calendar.

65 FIG. 3 shows a perspective view of a host book 300 with pages 301 having a typical surface 10 according to the invention being placed into the host book at its binding 302

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by applying strip 101 to said book binding between two pages.

FIG. 3a shows the repositionable page 10 of FIG. 3 now placed in a heterogenous, ring structured binding 311, through hole 200.

FIG. 3a' shows a "pad grouping" as would be constructed by putting a stack of repositionable leaves 10, mini-book folded as shown in FIG. 20b stacked on a base leaf 301 as shown in FIG. 3, here shown in stand alone pad form.

FIG. 3b shows a way to distribute these windowing note pages by forming a pad. Note the adhesive surface and the writing surface are both face up.

FIG. 3b' shows a way to distribute these windowing note pages by forming a pad. Note the adhesive surface is face down and a base leaf is employed like leaf 301 is used in a book, to deactivate the adhesive of the bottom note.

FIG. 3c shows a leaf where the dual hole pattern is comprised of oval holes which are horizontally disposed and which serve the purpose of preserving a substantial hole when overlapped in a multilayered minibook. FIGS. 3d and 3e show a leaf top and bottom surface where the print pattern is represented on both sides to assist in the folding operation and in denoting the margins.

FIG. 3f shows a leaf stack with a short adhesive strip where the leaf is preprinted as a form on both sides. The adhesive is on the opposing side to the top or front writing surface. FIG. 3g shows a diecut leaf to form a pattern of a face where the adhesive strip is banded with the adhesive on the top surface, adjacent to the top writing surface. FIG. 3h shows a leaf with a short and narrow adhesive strip that is centrally disposed near the center hole of the leaf and noninterfering with the central leaf hole. FIG. 3i shows a similar leaf to FIG. 3h where the adhesive band is wider and possesses an overlapping hole to mirror the center hole of the host leaf. FIG. 3j shows a similar leaf to FIG. 3f where the adhesive band is on a strip separated by a simple perforation [as previously shown in FIG. 10].

FIG. 3k shows how a repositionable leaf with a prefolded short tab strip can be cascaded or stacked one atop the other to form a mini-book or mini-book pad stack. The leafs are separated in perspective view.

FIG. 3l shows a perspective view of the leafs of FIG. 3k, where the leafs are stacked in the form of a mini-book.

FIG. 3m shows a perspective of FIG. 3l where the top leaf is open and its tab is shown as the hinged means for attaching the top leaf to the next leaf on the stack.

FIG. 3n shows a group of 3 leaves from the stack of FIG. 3m where the tab of the bottom leaf is folded up and over to deactivate and form a stand alone mini-booklet.

FIG. 3o shows a preferred embodiment of a leaf with a curved radius short tab where the curved radius is at only one end of the short tab. Three leaf corners are free. The squared bottom tab corner lends to increased stability of the pad for certain applications. the tab is shown folded for attachment to a host surface or to another leaf in a pad or mini-booklet/minibook.

FIG. 3p shows a preferred embodiment of a leaf with two curved radius short tab ends, where each of all four corners of each leaf are free.

FIG. 3q shows the leaf of FIG. 3p assembled into a pad form in exploded perspective where the base leaf has a band of adhesive for receiving the last leaf of the pad.

FIG. 4 shows a repositionable page 12 with similar to that of FIG. 1 without any holes.

FIG. 4a is like FIG. 1a without holes.

FIG. 4b is like FIG. 1b without holes.

FIG. 5 is like FIG. 2 without holes.

FIG. 5a is like FIG. 2a without holes.

FIG. 5b is like FIG. 2b without holes.

FIG. 5c is like FIG. 2c without holes.

5 FIG. 6 is like FIG. 1 except the adhesive strip 10f covers the entire hinged strip 400.

10 FIG. 6a is like FIG. 1a except for the adhesive strip 10f which covers the full hinged binding section 401 and the absence of holes.

FIG. 6b is like FIG. 1b except for the adhesive strip 10f which covers the full hinged binding section 401 and the absence of holes.

15 FIG. 7 is like FIG. 2 except for the adhesive strip 10f which covers the full hinged binding section 401 and the absence of holes.

20 FIG. 7a is like FIG. 2a except for the adhesive strip 10f which covers the full hinged binding section 401 and the absence of holes.

FIG. 7b is like FIG. 2b except for the adhesive strip 10f which covers the full hinged binding section 401 and the absence of holes.

25 FIG. 8 shows a perspective view of a sheet 20 with hinged binding strips 101 on opposing edges 20a and 20b.

FIG. 8a shows a perspective view of a sheet 25 with hinged binding strips 101 on the opposite set of opposing edges 25c and 25d from FIG. 8.

30 FIG. 8b shows a perspective view of a sheet 30 with hinged binding strips 101 on orthogonal edges 30a and 30c.

FIG. 9 is like FIG. 1 except the hole pattern 205 is a cut slot for attachment to a wire binding.

35 FIG. 9a is like FIG. 1a except the hole pattern 205 is a cut slot for attachment to a wire binding.

FIG. 9b is like FIG. 1b except the hole pattern 205 is a cut slot for attachment to a wire binding.

40 FIG. 10 is like FIG. 2 except the hole pattern 205 is a cut slot for attachment to a wire binding.

FIG. 10a is like FIG. 2a except the hole pattern 205 is a cut slot for attachment to a wire binding.

FIG. 10b is like FIG. 2b except the hole pattern 205 is a cut slot for attachment to a wire binding.

45 FIG. 10c is like FIG. 2c except the hole pattern 205 is a cut slot for attachment to a wire binding.

FIG. 11 shows a side view of a multi-folded leaf 35 in which the leaf sections are folded one below the next and nest into a hinge extension section.

50 FIG. 11a shows a side view of a multi-folded leaf in which the leaf sections are folded one on top of the next.

FIG. 11b shows a perspective of FIG. 11a for an example of a multi-folded leaf with 2 folded sections.

55 FIG. 11c shows a side view of a multi-folded leaf as a narrow width smart book mark where the leaf is formed as a construction of a series of surfaces alternately coated with adhesive and laminate. The adhesive sections bond to form the leafs which leave the laminated sections exposed. These

60 serve as mounting surfaces. FIG. 11d shows the side view of the attached topology of the folded material. FIG. 11e shows the adhesive pattern in extended format with the panels horizontally disposed. FIG. 11f shows the other side with the laminated panels in extended format with the panels horizontally disposed.

65 FIG. 12 shows a leaf construction in which the leaf is formed as an index.

FIG. 12a shows a leaf construction in which the leaf is formed as a diagonal pocket.

FIG. 12b shows a leaf construction in which the leaf is formed as a vertical pocket.

FIG. 13 shows a two cover insertable card with a note pad 5 mounted on one of the two covers, the other cover serving as an insertion tongue or alternatively as a cover.

FIG. 13a shows a two cover insertable card with an array of repositionable notes mounted on one of the two covers, the other cover serving as an insertion tongue or alternatively as 10 a cover.

FIG. 14 shows a host hinged page constructed as a "pocketed" an insertion card like either of those shown in FIG. 13 or FIG. 13a.

FIG. 15 shows the insertion card of FIG. 13a inserted in 15 the pocket of FIG. 14.

FIG. 15a shows a perspective view of a pocketed leaf of a form which can be configured with certain accessories. The pocket is formed as a "half pocket" covering one-half 20 the leaf width. There is a laminated cover which binds the ends of the pocket to seal them.

FIG. 15b Shows a side view of the leaf of FIG. 15a and which shows the open part of the pocket.

FIG. 15c shows a perspective view of a pocketed leaf 25 where the pocket is formed by a full overlapping section of material and the one-half pocket section is formed as a slit in the larger section. There is a ridge edge formed at the edge of the leaf coterminous with the adhesive strip.

FIG. 15d shows a side view of leaf 15c where it is shown that the full panel is partially sealed by a binding which is 30 shown here as an adhesive. FIG. 15e1 shows a perspective view of the accessories mounted on the leaf of FIG. 15d which accessories are shown as a set of stacks of repositionable notes and a leaf array with a plurality of leafs and a tongue 35 inserted in the slit pocket.

FIG. 15e2 shows a top view of 15e1 where all aspects of the object are represented including the notes, the leaf array, the safety block ridge, and the repositionable hinged binding. A note is outlined where it might be placed on the leaf array. 40

FIG. 16 shows a leaf with a hinged binding edge in which the adhesive, in this case, is being applied by a user using an adhesive dispenser.

FIG. 17 shows a leaf with a hinged binding edge having an active adhesive strip and a separable section which can be 45 placed over the active adhesive of the leaf thereby deactivating said active adhesive.

FIG. 17a shows the leaf with the with the adhesive deactivated by the strip

FIG. 17b shows the hinged section being rotated with 50 adhesive active and a deactivation strip, having it's own adhesive, attached on the opposite side of the hinge for use at a later time.

FIG. 18 shows a leaf formed from a clear binding edge 55 and an opaque surface which may be used for either writing or for attaching other information, i.e. post-it notes, for example.

FIG. 19 shows a leaf formed from a sheet of material such as tyvec, in which the hinge section and leaf section have 60 been separately laminated.

FIG. 20 shows a leaf with the hinged binding edge folded down and prepared for forming multiple leaf sets.

FIG. 20a shows two leafs about to be cascaded one atop the other 65

FIG. 20b shows the two leafs of FIG. 20a attached and cascaded together forming a multi-leaf set.

FIG. 20c shows two leafs about to be cascaded by nesting one hinged section within the other.

FIG. 20d shows the two leafs of FIG. 20c attached and cascaded together forming a multi-leaf set.

5 FIGS. 21a, b, and c show an edge view single leaf structure with the repositionable adhesive on the opposing face to the writing or mounting surface, and the combination of two such leafs into a multi-leaf structure. FIGS. 21d and e show a planar view of the structure of FIG. 21b where the FIG. 21e further displays the use of the mounting surface for the posting of a set of repositionable notes.

10 FIG. 22 shows an edge view of a leaf construction where the page is formed from a piece of tape section and a media section.

15 FIG. 22a shows a perspective view of FIG. 22.

FIG. 22b shows an edge view of the leaf of 22 with the tape section folded over the top with the tapes adhesive deactivated.

20 FIG. 22c shows an edge view of the leaf of 22 with the tape section folded over the bottom with the tapes adhesive activated.

FIG. 22d shows the same the same thing as FIG. 22a except for the addition of a set of parallel punched holes.

25 FIG. 22e shows an edge view of FIG. 22d with the tape section folded over and tape deactivated with the holes aligned, for subsequent insertion into a ring binder.

30 FIG. 22f is the same as FIG. 22c, except the figure shows the punched holes.

FIG. 23 is the same as FIG. 22 and shows an edge view where the leaf surface may be substituted by any one of the surfaces of FIGS. 23a, b, or c.

35 FIG. 23a shows an alternative surface as a section of plastic where one half is opaque and the other section clear.

FIG. 23b shows an alternative surface as a section of plastic which may be clear or opaque.

40 FIG. 24 shows a plane view of a multi-leaf set formed by the taping of a common set of offset edges of a set of leafs, leaving a section of tape exposed for deactivation or for attachment to a host.

45 FIG. 24a shows an edge view of FIG. 24 highlighting the manner in which the tape is subsequently bound to each end of each sheet.

50 FIG. 24b shows the edge view of FIG. 24a with the free tape section being bent under the leaf set for active attachment to a second host surface.

FIG. 24c shows the leaf set of FIG. 24b attached to a host sheet.

55 FIG. 24d shows a preferred configuration of FIG. 24c in which the leaf set is a very thin construction and lies in a flat manner on it's host surface.

FIG. 24e shows the leaf set of FIG. 24d with each leaf turned in a fan array showing the ability to turn each page 180 degrees.

60 FIG. 25 shows a perspective view of a leaf set like the one from FIG. 24 with three leafs and parallel holes punched in the tape and the bound edge of the leafs.

FIG. 25a shows the perspective view of the leaf set of FIG. 25 with the free tape edge activated and ready for attachment to a second host surface.

65 FIG. 25b shows the perspective view of the leaf set of FIG. 25 with the free tape edge folded over and attached to the margin edge of the top leaf and thereby deactivated, with the hole sets aligned.

FIG. 26 shows a leaf set like FIG. 24a except for the adhesive on the free tape edge being applied on the opposing side of the free tape edge from that of FIG. 24a.

FIG. 26a shows a leaf set like FIG. 26 except the leafs are cut in progressively shorter lengths and stacked in decreasing size order, allowing for a finger touch edge lifting. 5

FIG. 26b shows a leaf set like FIG. 26 except for the tape binding being on the top of each successive edge, thereby pressing the opposing edge out as a leading edge with each edge following being recessed in by the extent of the tape 10 binding on its opposing edge.

FIG. 26c shows a similar top edge binding mechanism for creating a leaf set where the sheets are cut and bound in progressively wider sections. The adhesive on the free edge deactivates by attachment from below. 15

FIG. 26d shows a set of leafs of progressively wider extent bound along a common edge on the top of their respective surfaces with the free tape edge deactivating by attachment on the binding tape edge and top surface,

FIG. 27 shows a tape strip which may be used to create 20 a single or multi-leaf page structure having adhesive on either side of a tape strip foldable along its median, with sets of holes punched on each edge.

FIG. 27a shows the tape strip of FIG. 27 with no holes punched therein. 25

FIG. 27b shows the tape strip of FIG. 27 with one set of holes either marked or punched therein.

FIG. 27c shows a tape strip which may be attached to a host sheet that is comprised from three strips. The first outer edge tape strip has adhesive thereon, the middle strip has no adhesive and is approximately the width of the first outer edge strip, and the third strip has adhesive thereon and is of a width sufficient for attachment to a second host sheet. The first outer edge strip would typically be a repositionable adhesive and the inner edge strip would be a more permanent form of adhesive. 30 35

FIG. 27d shows a dual strip formation which has a short and narrow adhesive strip hinged to a full length strip with multi-punched holes. FIG. 27e shows a three strip formation 40 where the first strip is a short and narrow adhesive strip, the second strip has multipunched holes and no adhesive, and the third strip has a second adhesive. FIG. 27f has two tape tabs for forming a smart book mark from any leaf. The first of the two is a single foldable panel of repositionable adhesive, the second has a fold marking printed thereon. FIG. 27g shows the strip attached to a leaf where the strip operates as a short and narrow adhesive strip. FIG. 27h shows a similar strip with a perforated fold hint. FIG. 27i shows a two color pattern where each color depicts a different adhesive, one permanent and one repositionable. FIG. 27j shows a wide strip 45 with a hole and a narrow strip where the wide strip has repositionable adhesive and the narrow, repositionable adhesive or permanent. FIG. 27k shows a narrow strip with repositionable adhesive and a wide strip with permanent adhesive 50 and a hole. FIG. 27l shows a dual holed two strip tape tab with a hole in each section, one repositionable, the other repositionable or permanent adhesive. FIG. 27m shows a way 55 to deploy sections of mounting strip where each strip is peelable from the mounting strip.

FIG. 28 shows a section of tape like the tapes of FIGS. 27, 27a, 27b, or 27c rolled up in a reel for delivery. 60

FIG. 29 shows a leaf where the indicia are printed markings which show not only hole punch indications, but also suggest the making of vertically oriented lists with the 65 lines printed on the face. The adhesive is on the leaf binding strip and may be on the top or bottom face.

FIG. 29a shows a particular format of printed indicia where the indicia suggest the attachment of a second repositionable leaf. The term category allows of the labeling of the purpose of the leaf at the time of recording of information thereon. Since repositionable notes are themselves used to make the recordings, the category can be relabeled according to the timely use of the list mounted thereon.

10 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE  
INVENTION

A preferred embodiment is shown in FIGS. 1, 1a, 1b, FIGS. 2, 2a, 2b, and 2c, and FIGS. 3 and 3a. FIG. 1 shows an edge view of a repositionable page, 10, according to the invention, with a leaf binding strip 101, and lifting strip 100, all formed from a single sheet of material. The lifting strip has a width, 100a and is sufficient for a fingernail or edge to pry the surface up from a position in which the adhesive strip is pressed onto a host surface. The leaf binding strip of extent 101a which is comprised of sections 100 and 101 is hinged along an axis at 11, which axis is formed from a fold in the sheet which fold forms a line that divides the sheet into two sections. The leaf binding strip is relatively narrow compared to the leaf body or leaf media strip, 103. The leaf body or media strip, 103, of width 103a, is called a media strip because it is the surface on which the manipulation of information occurs. The surface may be a piece of paper which can be written directly on as a piece of paper. The surface may alternatively be used to post notes on that themselves have repositionable adhesive, such as standard format Post-it<sup>(TM)</sup>/3M notes. Hole set 200a and 200b are punched in parallel along the binding edge. Adhesive material is placed along strip 101. The media strip portion 103a has a margin section 102a defined by the margin line 102b. The text is shown in typical Western language orientation with letters "Abcde" in left right format, with printing from top to bottom. The adhesive used in the preferred embodiment is repositionable adhesive, as used for example in 3M Post-it<sup>(TM)</sup> Brand Notes. FIG. 1a shows the binding strip 101 folded to a position in which the adhesive is about to be deactivated by pressing the binding edge down onto the top of the media strip 103. Once pressed into this position, the holes align one atop the other, and the leaf may be placed in a ring binder, through the aligned holes, for referential access. FIG. 1b shows the binding strip folded below the media strip so as to activate the adhesive for attachment to a second host surface which attachment would be accomplished by pressing exposed adhesive 10f onto said second surface. In this situation, the media strip, 103, would turn about the pivotal axis, 11, to allow the page to be manipulated naturally in a turning fashion, allowing for the use of both sides of the note if desired. The cut pattern of holes 200a and 200b are symmetrically cut along the hinge axis line 11 and forming a coincident pattern when the surfaces into which they are cut are coincident with one another. The "hinging" about axis 11 serves to take the stress off the repositionable adhesive, preventing undesirable dislodging of an attached leaf from its host. When it is desired to reposition the note, the note can be lifted along any section of the lifting edge, or simply pulled from a corner or outwardly and the repositionable adhesive bond will break, releasing the sheet. The lifting edge serves to enable separation of the binding edge, especially when the adhesive is attached to a second binding edge with adhesive. FIG. 1a shows an edge view of the same sheet of FIG. 1 with the binding strip 101 folded along pivotal axis 11 into a position above the surface 10e. FIG. 1b shows an edge view of the same sheet of FIG.

1 with the binding strip 101 folded along pivotal axis 11 into a position below the surface 10g. FIG. 2 shows a perspective view of the sheet 10 of FIG. 1. Printed edge 106a is visible. The "x" hashings depict the area where a printed pattern may be placed, which printing may be placed on either side as 5 depicted by 106b. FIG. 2 shows the opposing edges of sheet 10, 10a/10b and 10c/10d. The top media surface is 10e and the bottom face of the media surface is 10g. Hole 200 is formed as a set of parallel holes 200a and 200b. The margin strip 102 is of extent 102a and is the location for receiving 10 the postit strip 101 when in deactivated position. The media strip 103 is of extent 103a. FIG. 2a shows a perspective view of the sheet 10 of FIG. 1a. FIG. 2b shows the perspective view of FIG. 2a with the binding strip 101 adhesively attached to surface 10e, and therefore deactivated. Lifting edge 105 is shown raised and the printed edge 106b is now 15 visible. The holes 200a and 200b from the parallel strips are matched. FIG. 2c shows a perspective view of FIG. 1b further showing how repositional adhesive strip 10f may be attached to a second surface. The holes can be prepunched 20 in both sets, pre marked for punching by the user, or punched 20 in one set, with punching of the second set by the user.

FIGS. 2d,e,f,g,h,i, and j show the same structure as in FIGS. 1,1a, 1b,2 2a,2b and 2c except for the addition of the laminated top mounting surface, 103b, and the laminated binding strip, 101b. FIGS. 2d,e, and f show the side view which highlights the coated sections. The larger coated sections would be an ideal mounting section for repositional notes. The coating on the binding strip serves to strengthen that section in its pivotal attachment and removal. FIGS. 30 2g,h,i, and j show perspective views of the laminated sections. The coated sections also discourage curling on removal.

The materials used for the construction may vary and can include tyvec®(spunolefin), or plastic. Alternatively, disposable materials such as paper and cardstock are also desirable in some applications. The paper might be chemically treated to be smooth, yet thin, say for enabling the sheets to be 35 receptive to repositional note placement and removal.

FIGS. 2k,l,m show three applications of a leaf according 40 to the invention. FIG. 2k shows a leaf with a full length but narrow adhesive margin, 104a, where the adhesive may be applied on either side and which folds over along the axis at 11, and deactivates without interfering with the hole pattern of the leaf. The figure shows the non-interfering fold over 45 area 105a, where the sum of the width of 104a, 105a and the hole section width 102a form the effective margin. The record keeping section of 10 may be used in any manner like those according to the invention. FIG. 2l shows the application of a leaf where the record keeping section is comprised of a series of peelable strips, like 106a, 106b, and 106c, which themselves may be writable, and which are adhesively attached to the surface 10e. The adhesive may be on either the bottom surface of the peelable strip or on the surface 10e. When a strip is removed, the preferred construction exposes a band of repositional adhesive, 107, 50 useful for attaching nonadhesive leafs thereto. FIG. 2m shows a leaf where the writing surface of 10e is preprinted with a calendar format.

FIG. 3 shows a perspective view of a host book 300 with 60 pages 301, stitched, sewn, or otherwise intensively and permanently bound, leaving little room for any insertable media. A typical surface, 10, according to the invention is shown being placed into the host book at its binding 302 by applying strip 101 to said book binding between any two 65 pages. FIG. 3a shows the repositional page 10 of FIG. 3, with adhesive strip deactivated, now placed in a heterog-

5 enous, ring structured binding 311, through hole 200. The sheet 10 can alternatively be placed anywhere on any surface of the book including the outer edges of any of the pages as well as along an edge of the cover. The additional use of postits (TM/3M) is shown where two notes are mounted on the leaf and are transitioned from the sewn bound book to the ring bound book on leaf 10.

10 FIG. 3a' shows a "pad grouping" as would be constructed by putting a stack of repositionable leaves 10, mini-book 10 folded as shown in FIG. 20b stacked on a base leaf 301 as shown in FIG. 3, here shown in stand alone pad form. This 15 form of pad grouping can be used to package notes for sale in pre-arranged, prefolded groupings of 25,50, or for example 100 sheets. The leaves can be peeled off one at a time or in groups of mini-books.

20 FIG. 3b shows a way to distribute these windowing note pages, 10, by forming a pad 110. Note the adhesive surface, 10f, and the writing surface, 10e, are both face up. Note also, that the adhesive is deactivated in the ring configuration to 25 allow for the non-adhesively bound pivotal attachment and turning required of the ringed structure. Note, that the primary or "active" binding means is the active repositional adhesive and that the secondary binding or "referential" binding is the ring structure.

30 FIG. 3b' shows another way to distribute these windowing note pages by forming a pad of a slightly different structure. Note the adhesive surface is face down and a base leaf is employed (like leaf 301 is used in the book), to deactivate the adhesive of the bottom note. Note that this format takes 35 the structure of a more traditional repositionable note pad and therefore might be more convenient to make as a commercial embodiment for the initial development of a line of products embodying this concept. The pad base leaf covers the adhesive of the last leaf of the pad. As in all of these pad configurations, the base leaf can be any shape so so long as it is of a size sufficient to cover the exposed adhesive and thereby serves to deactivate the adhesive of the last leaf.

40 In this type of application, the use of the leaf body as a mounting surface, results in the implementation of a notetaking system that can be referred to as a "blackboard" system. The structure is particularly useful for the capture and representation of items of information in lists. The use of 45 opaque or clear surfaces depends on the particular application. Having a binding strip that is clear is useful to enable viewing of information along the binding margin. A "minibooking" technique might be employed in which the surfaces are grouped one to the other as opposed to being placed in an alternative binding. This is detailed further on. Also, the surface can be used as a way of delivering a 50 preconfigured set of repositionable notes, for the purpose of taking notes directly on them as an "array" of notes or an "array" of stacks of notes. This is also detailed further on.

55 FIG. 3c shows a leaf where the dual hole pattern is comprised of oval holes 200c and 200d, where the oval structures are horizontally disposed and which serve the purpose of preserving a substantial hole when overlapped in a multilayered minibook. These oval holes would counter 60 the bunching of the hinges interfolded one within the other along axis 11 is a minibook set. FIGS. 3d and 3e show a leaf top and bottom surface where the print pattern for the fold hints and hole punch hints are represented on both sides to assist in the folding operation, punching operation, and in 65 denoting the margins.

FIG. 3f shows a leaf stack, 110a, comprised of paper, with a "short" adhesive strip of length 10j and "narrow" width

10k, where the leaf is preprinted as a form on both sides with markings, 10h. The adhesive on the strip is on the side opposing the top or front writing surface. The short adhesive strip allows all four corners, 10t,u,v, and w to be lifted independently like a "loose leaf". The narrow strip would 5 allow for placement along a narrow host margin, with out interfering with the print of the host book. FIG. 3g shows a diecut leaf stack, 110b, to form a pattern of a face, 10i, where the adhesive strip, 10f, is banded with the adhesive on the top surface, adjacent to the top writing surface. Markings 10l, denoting "fold here" with hash lines, are shown on the top surface. The hole in the short strip, 200a, is a partial hole, determined by the width of the strip. FIG. 3h shows a leaf with a short and narrow adhesive strip that is centrally disposed near the center hole of the leaf and noninterfering 10 with the central leaf hole. Width 10k of the adhesive strip is less than the width 10m which is the distance from the edge of the sheet to the hole. FIG. 3i shows a similar leaf to FIG. 3h where the adhesive band is wider and possesses an overlapping hole to mirror the center hole of the host leaf. 15 The holes are symmetrically disposed about the fold line 11, where the distance from the hole centers to the common fold line 11, i.e., distances 10n and 10p, are equal. FIG. 3j shows a similar leaf to FIG. 3f where the adhesive band is on a strip separated by a simple perforation, 10a (as previously shown 20 in FIG. 10). If made from paper, a laminate or mylar may be layered over the hole pattern to strengthen and otherwise stiffen the leaf edge and may optionally have a hole cut intersecting the perimeter of the leaf, 10s, which adds yet another optional means for attaching a mounting surface 25 such as this to a structural binding, i.e. a rubber band stack for example. This sheet may be made from paper, tyvec, or any other thin foldable stock like a mylar. The application would determine the material. If used as a mounting surface, laminated tyvec or mylar would work very effectively. 30

Any one of these structures may be formed by diecutting either the binding strip and or the leaf body face. The die cut may do one or both sections at the same time off a larger leaf and the cutting may be accomplished on multi-leaf stacks for example in 50 or 100 sheet stacks. 40

FIG. 3k shows how a repropositional leaf, 110c1 with a prefolded short tab strip, 1001c', can be cascaded or stacked one atop the other, 110c1/110c2/110c3/110c4/301' to form a mini-book or mini-book pad stack, 110c'. The leafs are separated and are shown exploded, in perspective view. 45

FIG. 3l shows a perspective view of the leafs of FIG. 3k, where the leafs are stacked in the form of a mini-book, 110c'. Note that the leafs lie flat, that the feature of all four corners being "free" is preserved in both the pad and single use 50 application, and that each of the leafs can hinge on its respective tab 1001c', as well as being separated individually or in mini-books.

FIG. 3m shows a perspective of FIG. 3l where the top leaf, 110c1', is open and its tab is shown as the hinged means for attaching the top leaf to the next leaf on the stack. 55

FIG. 3n shows a group of 3 leaves from the stack of FIG. 3m where the tab of the bottom leaf, 1001c', is folded up and over to deactivate and form a stand alone mini-booklet. Each of the leafs of the mini-booklet turn, and the stack can be 60 shuffled since there is no active adhesive to bind the stack to another object. Of course, as shown before, the tab can be alternatively attached to another leaf, as the leaf of a book, thereby introducing a mini-booklet as a "patch in" stack of leafs anywhere the adhesive will securely/temporarily bond. 65

The construction of a pad book of prefolded notes would be accomplished on a specialized machine. Any one of a

number of ways can be planned to make the final pad. The process of applying the adhesive, cutting the tab edge of the leaf to the proper size, folding each leaf and stacking it one on top of the other with a deactivation strip (as in FIG. 17,

5 or a base leaf as in FIG. 3a' can be used to terminate the stack. The booklets can be constructed in any size and various proportions of tab width and length to leaf size will work. Of course, holes and/or cut patterns as in 3g-3j can be used as well, for example.

10 A choice of paper types would be preferred, including recyclable sheets. However, stacks of tyvek leafs or other materials which are either more durable or more sheer as well as those with treated surfaces for the construction of floating mounting surfaces can be used. Further, preprinting would result in the formation of a book with a reconstructable binding. This can be used in any application where a book with a variable composition might be applicable, such as in a calendar, or a diary or the like.

15 This form of leaf provides the ideal "Add-A-Page<sup>TM</sup>(PEI trademark) accessory, especially for closely bound books (perfect bound, wire bound, and the like).

20 FIG. 3o shows a preferred embodiment of a leaf, 110c1", with a tab 1001c' having a curved radius short tab portion, 11a, where the curved radius is at only one end of the short tab. Three leaf corners are free. The squared bottom tab corner, 11b, lends to increased stability of the pad for certain applications. The tab is shown folded along axis 11", for attachment by way of repositionable adhesive 10f, to a host surface or to another leaf in a pad or mini-booklet/mini-book.

25 FIG. 3p shows a preferred embodiment of a leaf, 110c1", with a tab 1001c'', having two curved radius short tab ends, 11c and 11d, where each of all four corners of each leaf are free.

30 FIG. 3q shows the leaf of FIG. 3p, 110c1", assembled into a pad of 4 leafs, where the format is shown in exploded perspective and where the base leaf, 301", has a band of adhesive 10f", for receiving the last leaf of the pad.

35 FIG. 4 shows a repositionable page 12 similar to that of FIG. 40 1 without any holes. This sort of sheet would appear as a standard unpunched sheet when the adhesive is deactivated. It's typical application would be for notetaking, and when batched, it could be alternatively clipped or slipped into a pocket or the like. FIG. 4a is like FIG. 1a without holes. FIG. 4b is like FIG. 1b without holes.

45 FIG. 5 is like FIG. 2 without holes. FIG. 5a is like FIG. 2a without holes. FIG. 5b is like FIG. 2b without holes. FIG. 5c is like FIG. 2c without holes. The surface may be used to write on directly for listing of items of information, for example, or could be used to mount other notes. Note, an adhesive free portion is provided for on both sides of the adhesive band, here shown as 100a and 100b and as shown in FIG. 16. The adhesive free section 100b is useful when dispensing notes, as the section between the pre-folded axis 11 and the adhesive can flex to free the notes one from the other.

50 FIG. 6 is like FIG. 1 except the adhesive strip 10f covers the entire hinged strip 400. The need for a lifting edge is a clear and an important improvement. However, it would be possible to construct a workable alternative with a standard format note in which the repositionable adhesive were applied along a deposition layer flush to the edge of the binding strip. FIG. 6a is like FIG. 1a except for the adhesive strip 10f which covers the full hinged binding section 401 and the absence of holes. FIG. 6b is like FIG. 1b except for the adhesive strip 10f which covers the full hinged binding

section 401. Note the absence of holes. FIG. 7 is like FIG. 2 except for the adhesive strip 10f which covers the full hinged binding section 401. Note the absence of holes. FIG. 7a is like FIG. 2a except for the adhesive strip 10f which covers the full hinged binding section 401 and the absence 5 of holes. FIG. 7b is like FIG. 2b except for the adhesive strip 10f which covers the full hinged binding section 401. Note the absence of holes. Care would need to be taken in designing the adhesive to allow for easy lifting of the thin binding strip to avoid excessive "ribboning" or curling. 10

FIG. 8 shows a perspective view of a sheet 20 with hinged binding strips 101 on opposing edges 20a and 20b. FIG. 8a shows a perspective view of a sheet 25 with hinged binding strips 101 on the opposite set of opposing edges 25c and 25d from FIG. 8. FIG. 8b shows a perspective view of a sheet 30 15 with hinged binding strips 101 on orthogonal edges 30a and 30c. The adhesive, 10f, shown below in this picture, can be on either side of strip.

FIG. 9 is like FIG. 1 except the hole pattern 205 is a cut slot for attachment to a wire binding. 312. FIG. 9a is like 20 FIG. 1a except the hole pattern 205 is a cut slot for attachment to a wire binding. FIG. 9b is like FIG. 1b except the hole pattern 205 is a cut slot for attachment to a wire binding. Note that the binding strip is laminated or stiffened with material 101b, a thin coating of plastic or film. This not 25 only strengthens the hook set but enables folding along the fold axis that bisects the hook pattern to form the "T" shape.

FIG. 10 is like FIG. 2 except the hole pattern 205 is a cut slot for attachment to a wire binding. FIG. 10a is like FIG. 2a except the hole pattern 205 is a cut slot for attachment to 30 a wire binding. FIG. 10b is like FIG. 2b except the hole pattern 205 is a cut slot for attachment to a wire binding. FIG. 10c is like FIG. 2c except the hole pattern 205 is a cut slot for attachment to a wire binding. The binding panel or strip or alternatively the leaf body may be laminated or otherwise treated and stiffened, as shown where stiffener material 101b is placed on a binding strip, as a further means for enabling or otherwise allowing the easy folding midway 35 along the perforated section 205, as well as preserving the otherwise fragile edges of the hook set. Also, it is shown how the stiffener appears in 10a, b, and c as the striation markings depict this film or stiffener coat of material. 40

FIG. 11 shows a side view of a multi-folded leaf 35 in which the leaf sections are folded one below the next and 45 nest into a hinge extension section. The faces 35a, 35c, and 35e may be turned to as would be standard pages and maintain their orientation when pulled out to the right. The breadth of the hinge extension 35f allows for hinge extension 35g to house the interfolded leafs in a compact form. 50 Hinge section 101 acts as a pivotal attachment to a second host surface.

FIG. 11a shows a side view of a multi-folded leaf in which the leaf sections are folded one on top of the next. In this example, surfaces 36h, 36f, 36d, and 36a maintain their same 55 orientation when 36h is pulled out to the right and may be turned to as regular pages when the interleaved page is in compact form.

FIG. 11b shows a perspective of FIG. 11a for an example of a multi-folded leaf with 2 folded sections, 36a and 36e in 60 the process of being expanded to the right.

FIG. 11c shows a side view of a multi-folded leaf as a "narrow width" Smart Book Mark, where the leaf is formed as a construction of a series of equal width surfaces, where the widths are respectively the distances between leaf ends 65 36k, l, m, and n and 36i, 1, 2, 3 and 4, of the single sheet of material 36i, and are alternately coated with adhesive 10f

and laminate 36j. The adhesive sections, with adhesive 10f, bond to form the leafs which leave the laminated sections exposed. These serve as mounting surfaces. Hinged strip 101 has adhesive 10f for attachment to a book. The leaf width can be the width of a margin of a host book to ensure that the leaf does not interfere with host print. The preferred adhesive for the entire set of sections is repositionable adhesive, i.e. with a tacky, repositionable bond. If this type of adhesive is used, all internally bonding surfaces which are to adhere one to the other in forming the leafs, should be coated. In this way they will form a more permanent bond than the repositionable strip 101, such that when the leaf array is lifted the leaves stay firmly together and only the adhesive on section 101 breaks bond. FIG. 11d shows the side view of the attached topology of the folded material. FIG. 11e shows the adhesive pattern in extended format with the panels horizontally disposed. FIG. 11f shows the other side with the laminated panels in extended format with the panels horizontally disposed. The panels can be smooth treated with an appropriate chemical film to keep them thin in which case no edge such as from material 36j would appear. 36j is shown as the clear material laminating the respective panels of the multi-panel pattern.

FIG. 12 shows a leaf construction, 40, in which the leaf is formed as an index. Here two index tabs 41 and 42 are shown marked with symbols for visual access. FIG. 12a shows a leaf construction, 45, in which the leaf is formed as a diagonal pocket, 46 with insertion area 47. FIG. 12b shows a leaf construction, 50, in which the leaf is formed as a vertical pocket, 51, with insertion area 52. The preferred location for the adhesive in this construction is on the opposing surface to the mounting face.

FIG. 13 shows a two cover insertable card, 60, with a note pad, 62, mounted on one of the two covers as a media surface, 64, the other cover, 61, serving as an insertion tongue or alternatively as a cover. There is a second insertion tab, 63, for retaining the pad in a fixed position.

FIG. 13a shows a two cover insertable card, 65, with an array of repositionable notes, 67, mounted on one of the two covers, 69 as a media surface, the other cover, 66, serving as an insertion tongue or alternatively as a cover. There is a second insertion tab, 68, for retaining the pad in a fixed position.

FIG. 14 shows a host hinged page, 50a, constructed as a pocket for receiving an insertion card like either of those shown in FIG. 13 or FIG. 13a. In addition, this pocket has an insertion slot 54 for receiving either second insertion tab 63 or 68 to secure the media surface.

FIG. 15 shows the insertion card, 65, of FIG. 13a inserted in the pocket, 52, of FIG. 14.

FIG. 15a shows a perspective view of a pocketed leaf, 53a, of a form which can be configured with certain accessories. The pocket, of width 55, is formed as a "half pocket" with open lip 52a, covering one-half the leaf width. There is a laminated cover, 53b, which binds the ends of the pocket to seal them, leaving opening 52a. The material, 65c, is a stiffener which may be adhesively attached or deposited on the sheet of folded material that comprises the structure. The purpose of this material is to ensure that the overall structure remains mostly rigid while not adding significantly to the weight or thickness of the leaf structure.

FIG. 15b Shows a side view of the leaf of FIG. 15a and which shows the open part of the pocket, 53c. Sheet 65a1 is an optional extension of pocket 53a and offers the additional possibility of providing a mounting surface for postits.

FIG. 15c shows a perspective view of a pocketed leaf where the pocket is formed by a full overlapping section of

material, 55a, with and the one-half pocket section is formed as a slit in the larger section at a width of length 55 where length 55 is one half of the length of sheet 55a (the width of the leaf). Of course, it would be equally useful to have the slit be more or less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  the width of the leaf. The width 5 would be determined by the application, and in the case of use with Postits, the widths would preferably be substantially integral multiples of the postit note width. There is a ridge edge formed at the edge of the leaf, shown as 56, coterminous with the adhesive strip. This forms a protective 10 edge when the leaf is used to hold a postit note stack. The ridge can be formed any number of ways including folding over on itself and being adhesively secured, being laminated on and the like.

FIG. 15d shows a side view of leaf 15c where it is shown 15 that the full panel is partially sealed by a binding 55b which is shown here as an adhesive.

FIG. 15e1 shows a perspective of a special configuration with accessories mounted on the leaf of FIG. 15d, which accessories are shown as a stack of repositionable notes, 67, 20 and a leaf array, 65a, with a tongue, 65b, inserted in the slit pocket, 54, the configuration is alternately referred to as a "generator". The deactivation of the strip 101 is shown in a dotted line progression, where the adhesive is folded back over the protective ridge. The preferred arrangement of the 25 leaf array is such that at least one stack of repositionable notes, i.e. the top note of at least one stack, is left exposed for direct access. The note stacks and leaf array can have any number of alternate arrangements while preserving this form and 30 associated function.

FIG. 15e2 is a top view of the structure. The notes are in two colors as depicted by the dots on the bottom two stacks. All features of the mechanical object are depicted including the protective ridge, 56, the note stacks, 67, the leaf array, 65a, and the repositionable binding 101. A sample note is 35 shown in hashed lines as 67a if it were posted to the leaf array. If the leaf array is translucent, notes on subsequent pages will show evidence by being partially visible through the top leaf, as through "glass". Opaque leafs would not give 40 indication of notes contained in subsequent layers unless some form of indexing technique were used such as placing notes within along an edge of a leaf with a part of the note exposed. Note stacks would deplete and would be replenished at the stack level. The note stacks may be further 45 separated by separation barriers or wells and the name NoteWell®(registered trademark of PEI) may be used to describe such an implementation of a note stack array which implementation is favorable for the construction of a generator.

FIG. 16 shows a leaf, 70, with a hinged binding edge, 101, in which the adhesive, 81, in this case, is being applied by a user using an adhesive dispenser, 80, such as a DryLine™/Gillette) dispenser. The adhesive strip 81 is being applied in a predetermined pattern. In fact, an adhesive pattern or stripping effect will be desirable for different 50 materials and hole structures.

FIG. 17 shows a leaf, 80, with a hinged binding edge, 101, having an active adhesive strip, 400, and a separable section, 83, which can be placed over the active adhesive of the leaf 60 thereby deactivating said active adhesive. FIG. 17a shows the leaf, 80, with the adhesive strip, 400, deactivated by the strip 83 being applied directly over adhesive section 400.

FIG. 17b shows the hinged section, 101, being rotated with adhesive strip 400 active, and a deactivation strip, 83 65 having its own adhesive, 401, attached on the opposite side of the hinge for use at a later time.

FIG. 18 shows a leaf, 90, formed with a clear binding edge, 500, and an opaque surface, 501, which may be used for either writing or for attaching other information, i.e. postit notes, for example. The hinge axis, 11, is a prefolded or scored fold axis that allows the opaque section 501 to fold naturally about the binding edge 500. Alternatively, section 501 may be clear, in which case it would serve well as a receiving plate for other postits and would show through to enable other surfaces to be partially viewable. FIG. 19 shows a leaf, 150, formed from a sheet of material such as tyvec, 151, in which the hinge section 601, and leaf section 153, have been separately laminated with clear plastic, 152.

FIG. 20 shows a leaf, 12, with the hinged binding edge, 101, folded down and prepared for forming multiple leaf sets. FIG. 20a shows two leafs, 12, about to be cascaded one atop the other using hinged binding edge 101. FIG. 20b shows the two leafs of FIG. 20a attached and cascaded together forming a multi-leaf set, leaving the bottom hinged binding edge 101 free to attach to another leaf or to fold back up and thereby deactivate it's adhesive. FIG. 20c shows two leafs, 12, about to be cascaded by nesting one hinged section within the other, applying adhesive 10f to the surface 10g. FIG. 20d shows the two leafs of FIG. 20c attached and cascaded together forming a multi-leaf set.

FIGS. 21a,b, and c show an edge view single leaf structure with the positional adhesive on the opposing face to the writing or mounting surface, and the combination of two such leafs into a multi-leaf structure. FIGS. 21d and e show a planar view of the structure of FIG. 21b where the FIG. 21e further displays the use of the mounting surface for the posting of a set of repositionable notes. Note how the hinged axis at 11 line up to enable the turning of leafs, 10. This leaves section 101 free to be attached by way of its adhesive to another surface, to be clamped, or otherwise enveloped in a second binding.

FIG. 22 shows an edge view of a leaf construction where the page is formed from a piece of tape section, 1000, and a media section, 500. Tape section 1000 is composed of two sections, 1000a and 1000b, and is hinged about axis 11. Adhesive 10f is active upon the top surface of tape section 1000b. This construction would be an alternative to the single leaf formation and would allow the adaptation of any one of a number of different surfaces for repositionable adhesive activation.

FIG. 22a shows a perspective view of FIG. 22. The media section is actually of extent 103a, allowing for margin 102a, the adhesive deactivation area. FIG. 22b shows an edge view of the leaf of 22 with the tape section, 1000b folded over and "sandwiching" 500e, with tape section 1000a. The tapes adhesive is thereby deactivated. FIG. 22c shows an edge view of the leaf of 22 with the tape section, 1000b, folded back and below the bottom of 500, with the tapes adhesive, 10f, activated.

FIG. 22d shows the same the same thing as FIG. 22a except for the addition of a set of parallel punched holes, 200. FIG. 22e shows an edge view of FIG. 22d with the tape section folded over and tape deactivated with the holes aligned, for subsequent insertion into a ring binder. FIG. 22f is the same as FIG. 22c, except the figure shows the punched holes.

FIG. 23 is the same as FIG. 22 and shows an edge view where the leaf surface may be substituted by any one of the surfaces of FIGS. 23a,b, or c.

FIG. 23a shows an alternative surface, 700, as a section of plastic where one half, 700a, is opaque and the other section, 700b, clear. FIG. 23b shows an alternative surface, 800, as a section of plastic which may be clear or opaque.

FIG. 24 shows a plane view of a multi-leaf set formed by applying tape to a common set of offset edges of a set of leafs, 801a-805a, leaving a section of tape 1000, specifically section 1000b, exposed for deactivation or for active attachment to a second host surface. The adhesive used on the tape strip which secures the leafs is a permanent adhesive and the tape must be extremely durable and flexible, like a mylar. The adhesive on the free strip can be repositional adhesive or may be a more permanent adhesive. It would also be possible to tape a rod into the bound edge which rod might protrude over the respective ends of the leafs, thereby offering yet a third means for attaching the leaf set to a second surface. In this latter case, the host would need to possess two pin holes for receiving the protruding ends, male to female. Since, in this construction, all the leafs, 801-805, are of equal width, 800w, the respective opposing edges, 801a1-805a5 are offset one from the other for easy indexing. FIG. 24a shows an edge view of FIG. 24 highlighting the manner in which the tape is subsequently bound to the bottom edge of each end of each sheet along edges 801a-805a.

FIG. 24b shows the edge view of FIG. 24a with the free tape section, 1000b, being bent under the leaf set for active attachment to a second host surface.

FIG. 24c shows the leaf set of FIG. 24b attached to a host sheet, 320.

FIG. 24d shows a preferred configuration of FIG. 24c in which the leaf set is a very thin construction and lies in a flat manner on its host surface. FIG. 24e shows the leaf set of FIG. 24d with each leaf turned in a fan array showing the ability to turn each page 180 degrees, with general rotation about pivotal axis 11a.

FIG. 25 shows a perspective view of a leaf set like the one from FIG. 24 with three leafs and parallel holes, 200a/200b, punched in the tape and the bound edge of the leafs. FIG. 25a shows the perspective view of the leaf set of FIG. 25 with the free tape edge activated and ready for attachment to a second host surface. FIG. 25b shows the perspective view of the leaf set of FIG. 25 with the free tape edge folded over and attached to the margin edge of the top leaf and thereby deactivated, with the hole sets, 200a/200b, aligned.

FIG. 26 shows a leaf set like FIG. 24a except for the adhesive, 10f, on the free tape strip is applied on the opposing side of the free tape strip, 1000b, from that of FIG. 24a. FIG. 26a shows a leaf set like FIG. 26 except the leafs are cut in progressively shorter lengths and stacked in decreasing size order, 810-813, allowing for a finger touch edge lifting. FIG. 26b shows a leaf set like FIG. 26 except for the tape binding being on the top of each successive edge, thereby pressing the opposing edge out as a leading edge with each of the following edges being recessed in by the extent of the tape binding on its opposing edge. FIG. 26c shows a similar top edge binding mechanism for creating a leaf set where the sheets are cut and bound in progressively wider sections, 813-810. The adhesive on the free edge deactivates by attachment from below. FIG. 26d shows a set of leafs of progressively wider extent bound along a common edge on the top of their respective surfaces, 810a-813a, with the free tape edge deactivating by attachment on the binding tape edge and top surface.

FIG. 27 shows a tape strip which may be used to create a single or multi-leaf page structure having adhesive on either side of a tape strip foldable along its median, 11a, with sets of holes, 200, punched on each edge. Alternatively, the holes can be premarked for punching by the user.

FIG. 27a shows the tape strip of FIG. 27 with no holes punched therein. FIG. 27b shows the tape strip of FIG. 27

with one set of holes either marked or punched therein. FIG. 27c shows a tape strip which may be attached to a host sheet that is comprised of three strips, 1000a, 1000c, and 1000b. The first outer edge tape strip, 1000a, has adhesive thereon, 5 preferably repositional adhesive, the middle strip, 1000c, has no adhesive and is approximately the width of the first outer edge strip, and the third strip, 1000b, has adhesive thereon, and is of a width sufficient for attachment to a second host sheet. The first outer edge strip would typically be a repositional adhesive and the inner edge strip would be 10 a more permanent form of adhesive.

The tape strip might alternatively be made out of a tyvec material, like a spun fiberglass, which has a non-tcar property and can act as an ideal living hinge.

15 FIG. 27d shows a dual strip formation which has a short and narrow adhesive strip, 1000a, hinged to a full length strip, 1000b, with multi-punched holes, hinged along a pivotal axis, 11c. This strip configuration could be made from mylar, tyvec, or another "many fold" type of material. The holes could be marked or punched. The adhesive for the 20 thin narrow strip is preferably reposable, with the larger, optionally holed strip, a permanent form of adhesive. FIG. 27e shows a three strip formation where the first strip, 1000a, is a short and narrow adhesive strip, the second strip, 1000c, has multipunched holes and no adhesive, and the 25 third strip, 1000b has a second adhesive. FIG. 27f has two tape tabs, 1001a, and 1001b for forming a "Smart Book Mark" from any leaf. The first of the two, 1001a, is a single foldable panel of repositional adhesive, the second, 1001b, has a fold marking, 1L, printed thereon. In either case, the 30 same adhesive, 10f, is used on both strips, shown with width 1k. FIG. 27g shows the strip, 1001a, attached to a leaf, 10s, where the width of the strip, 1k, formed by pivotal hinge 11c1, is less than the distance, 1p, of the holes of receiving leaf, 10s from the edge of the leaf where the tape tab is 35 attached, thus forming a non interfering deactivation formation when pivotally folded over to deactivate the adhesive. This is the case where the tape tab forms a strip that operates as a "short and narrow" repositional adhesive strip. FIG. 27h shows a similar strip with a perforated fold hint, 10q, formed 40 along pivotal axis 11c1, forming a pair of strips of width 1k. The length 1j is preferable shorter than the length of the leaf to which it is to be attached. FIG. 27i shows a two color pattern where each color, 1001d and 1001e, depicts a different adhesive, one permanent and one repositional. FIG. 45 27j shows a wide strip, 1001f, with a hole, 200, and a narrow strip formed to the right of pivotal fold 11c1, where the width 1k of the narrow strip is less than the distance of the hole edge from the pivotal axis, distance 1n. In this case, the wide strip has repositional adhesive and the narrow may 50 have either repositional or permanent adhesive. FIG. 27k shows the opposite case, a narrow strip, 1001g, with repositional adhesive and a wide strip with permanent adhesive and a hole, 1001h. FIG. 27l shows a dual holed two strip tape tab with a hole in each of the sections, 1001i and 1001j 55 where one adhesive is repositional, the other repositional or permanent adhesive. FIG. 27m shows a way to deploy sections of mounting strips like those of the previous figures, according to the invention, where each strip, for example 1010b, is peelable from a mounting strip, 1010. Section 60 1010a shows the location where 1010b can be positioned. The sheet of mounting tabs can be die cut out of a larger adhesive sheet or individually laid on the host leaf 1010. The example leaf has a fold marking 1L with each strip having equal width 1k with respect to pivotal prefold location at 65 11c1.

The tape can have adhesive on the same side of the parallel opposing sections or opposing sides. The tape tab

hinge sections can have different colors or the adhesive can have different colors. This permits easy alignment on a leaf edge.

FIG. 28 shows a section of tape like the tapes of FIGS. 27, 27a, 27b, or 27c rolled up in a reel for delivery. 5

FIG. 29 shows a leaf where the indicia are printed markings which show not only hole punch indications, but also suggest the making of vertically oriented lists with the lines printed on the face. The adhesive is on the leaf binding strip and may be on the top or bottom face. The grey scale markings can be colored to match the paper, which can be in different colors or designer patterns, and the color used for the hinge portion can be represented on both face sides of the leaf so that the color is preserved when the hinge is folded over. 10 15

FIG. 29a shows a particular format of printed indicia where the indicia suggest the attachment of a second repositionable leaf. The term category allows of the labeling of the purpose of the leaf at the time of recording of information thereon. Since repositionable notes are themselves used to make the recordings, the category can be relabeled according to the timely use of the list mounted thereon. The hole pattern is a universal hole punch pattern so that the note can be archived in an alternative binding after initial use. The adhesive can be on either face. The adhesive could be placed offset by a small portion such as 100b, from the pivotal hinge axis, which placement would serve to enable dispensing of the note. 20 25

The printing of the markings, such as shown in FIG. 29 can be made on a large sheet of stock so as to permit the manufacture of a large number of leafs in a production process as typically is used for the construction of books or note pads. The outlined edges of the pad would not need to be printed in such a case as the cutting operation would naturally define the perimeter edges of the note. 30 35

The leaf with repositionable adhesive on a hinged tab, formed according to the invention, in a pad assembly where each leaf therein has at least three leaf corners free, with the leaf tab having a radiused curve connecting the tab to the leaf binding edge been unavailable. The assembly provides an ideal mini-book pad form for distributing notes as both stand alone pads at the desk top as well as for use in host stationery products such as books, calendars, and wallets and the like, for a variety of notetaking applications including "direct write on" as well as "mounting surface note posting and carrying" based note taking. 40 45

The repositionable leaf according to this invention is a leaf that can be hingedly attached to a book, preferably at its binding, within the margin of the host page, and turn as a leaf of the book, without blocking any printed material of the host, and subsequently be removed and either repositioned to an alternative page of the host book, or have its adhesive binding strip folded back over itself to deactivate the adhesive, allowing the page to be manipulated as a standard, non-adhesive sheet. Additionally, formed in a pad, particularly one where the leaves have the leaf binding strip prefolded before being placed into the pad, enables the formation of a new kind of book binding where the repositionable adhesive hinges in the "mini-book" formation become the books binding structure allowing for the incremental restructuring of the book leaves through separation and reattachment of the repositionable adhesive. One skilled in the art will appreciate that the present invention can be practiced by other than the embodiments described, which are presented for the purpose of illustration and not of limitation, and the present invention is limited only by the claims which follow. 50 55 60 65

What is claimed is:

1. A prefolded leaf structure formed from a single section of material, having a top face, a bottom face and perimeter features including at least two leaf structure edges, a first leaf structure binding edge and a second, opposing, leaf structure edge, said leaf structure having a leaf structure width between said opposing leaf structure edges, said leaf structure further comprising:
  - 10 a pivotal fold between said opposing leaf structure edges, forming a hinge with a pivotal fold axis, said pivotal fold axis being parallel to and away from said leaf structure binding edge by a distance, the pivotal fold axis distance, which distance is no greater than half said leaf structure width, said pivotal fold axis thereby dividing said leaf structure into two portions, a leaf body portion having a top face and a bottom face, for use as a media strip, and a leaf binding strip portion, said pivotal fold for facilitating the pivotal movement of said leaf body portion with respect to said leaf binding strip portion; and,
  - 20 a self-stick, repositionable adhesive material adhered to a part of one of said face portions of said leaf binding strip portion; such that, said leaf binding strip may be readily folded about said pivotal fold axis into a first, closed position, wherein said adhesive material is coincident with a face of said leaf body, said adhesive material forming a semi-permanent attachment and being completely covered and thereby deactivated, permitting said leaf structure to be manipulated with absolutely no adhesive material interference, and further where,
  - 30 said leaf binding strip may be readily folded about said pivotal fold axis into a second, open position, wherein said adhesive material is non-coincident with a face of said leaf body, said adhesive portion being completely exposed, freely hinged, and thereby activated, permitting said leaf structure to be manipulated as an add-in leaf for a host of which it may become a part, by being attached and successively reattached to a host, by way of said exposed, self stick repositionable adhesive, and thereby easily turned about said pivotal fold axis when so attached.
  2. The leaf structure of claim 1 wherein said first leaf structure binding edge and said second opposing leaf structure edge are vertically oriented and laterally disposed, one with respect to the other.
  3. The leaf structure of claim 1 where said at least one of said leaf structure faces further comprises print markings.
  4. The leaf structure of claim 1 where at least one of said leaf body portion and said leaf binding strip portion further comprises printed markings for making a cut pattern, which cut pattern would permit the attachment of said leaf structure to a host when said adhesive is deactivated.
  5. The leaf structure of claim 1 where at least one of said leaf body portion and said leaf binding strip portion have a cut pattern with cut pattern edges cut therein for enabling the attachment of said leaf to a host, where said cut pattern is so formed such that when said leaf binding strip portion is folded about said pivotal fold axis to lie coincident with said leaf body portion, said cut pattern edges are exposed.
  - 60 6. The leaf structure of claim 1 where at least one of said leaf body portion and said leaf binding strip portion is translucent.
  - 65 7. The leaf structure of claim 1 where at least one of said leaf body portion and said leaf binding strip portion has a distinct color.
  8. The leaf structure of claim 1 where said leaf structure material is paper.

9. The leaf structure of claim 1 where said leaf structure material is a spun olefin fibre material.

10. The leaf structure of claim 1 where at least one of said leaf body portion and said leaf binding strip portion further comprises a stiffening material as a part thereto which stiffening material is free of said pivotal fold axis permitting the free pivotal motion of said leaf body portion. 5

11. The leaf structure of claim 1 where said leaf body portion of said leaf structure further comprises a coating material as a part thereon, where said coating material is a material whose purpose is to render said leaf body portion more readily susceptible to the attachment of other objects that have repositionable adhesive thereon. 10

12. The leaf structure of claim 1 where said perimeter features of said leaf body portion of said leaf structure are cut in a pattern. 15

13. The leaf structure of claim 1 where said leaf body portion of said leaf structure further comprises a plurality of folded panels.

14. The leaf structure of claim 1 where said leaf body portion of said leaf structure further comprises a stack of one or more leafs, each having repositionable adhesive thereon. 20

15. The leaf structure of claim 1 where, said leaf body portion is of a rectangular shape, having four corners, and having a leaf body hinge edge with a leaf body hinge edge length, said leaf body hinge edge being coincident with said pivotal fold axis, and 25

where said leaf binding strip portion further comprises perimeter features including a leaf binding strip portion length, said leaf binding strip portion length being less than said said leaf body hinge edge length, said hinge between said leaf binding strip and said leaf body being formed so as to allow three or more of said four corners of said leaf body portion to be unattached. 30

16. The leaf structure of claim 1 wherein said self-stick repositionable adhesive material is adhered to the top face of said leaf binding strip portion, such that said repositionable adhesive may be deactivated by folding said leaf binding strip about said pivotal fold axis, and adhering said repositionable adhesive portion thereof, to said top face of said leaf body portion. 35

17. The leaf structure of claim 1 wherein said leaf body has print indicia on at least the top face thereof, where said print indicia are oriented laterally to be read from said pivotal fold axis to said opposing leaf structure edge. 40 45

18. The leaf structure of claim 1 where said leaf body portion is of a rectangular shape, having four corners, and having a leaf body hinge edge with a leaf body hinge edge length, said leaf body hinge edge being coincident with said pivotal fold axis, and 50

where said leaf binding strip portion further comprises perimeter features including a leaf binding strip portion length, said leaf binding strip portion length being less than said said leaf body hinge edge length, and having a radius curved cut pattern, convex with respect to said leaf body, forming a top of at least one end of said leaf binding strip, said radius curve forming a smooth join between the tab end and the leaf body hinge edge, said hinge between said leaf binding strip and said leaf body being formed so as to allow three or more of said four corners of said leaf body portion to be unattached. 55 60

19. In combination, two or more leaves having a hinged repositionable adhesive binding, comprising at least a first leaf and a last leaf, where each of said two or more hinged repositionable adhesive binding leaves comprises: 65

a prefolded leaf structure formed from a single section of material, having a top face, a bottom face and perimeter

features including at least two leaf structure edges, a first leaf structure binding edge and a second, opposing, leaf structure edge, said leaf structure having a leaf structure width between said opposing leaf structure edges, said leaf structure further comprising:

5 a pivotal fold between said opposing leaf structure edges, forming a pivotal fold axis, said pivotal fold axis being parallel to and away from said leaf structure binding edge by a distance, the pivotal fold axis distance, which distance is no greater than half said leaf structure width, said pivotal fold axis thereby dividing said leaf structure into two portions, a leaf body portion having a top face and a bottom face, for use as a media strip, and a leaf binding strip portion, said pivotal fold for facilitating the pivotal movement of said leaf body portion with respect to said leaf binding strip portion; and,

10 a self-stick, repositionable adhesive material adhered to a part of the face portion of each of said leaf structure's leaf binding strip portions;

15 wherein said each of said leaves is placed one on top of the other in a stack.

20 20. The combination of claim 19 wherein said combination further comprises a base leaf, where said base leaf is a leaf comprising a portion no less than the size of the adhesive portion of said last leaf structure binding strip, and where the repositionable adhesive of said binding strip portion of said last leaf is attached to said base leaf, thereby covering said repositionable adhesive of said last leaf binding strip portion, deactivating said repositionable adhesive.

25 21. The combination of claim 19 whereby the pad is formed with one prefolded note on top of the next, adhering the repositionable adhesive of each leaf binding strip portion to the top face of the leaf body below, said pivotal fold axis of said each of said leaves being registered in alignment, one with respect to the other.

30 22. The combination of claim 19 whereby the pad is formed with each prefolded leaf structure's hinged pivotal fold nested within the next prefolded leaf structure's hinged pivotal fold, where the repositionable adhesive of each leaf binding strip portion to the leaf binding strip portion is attached to the non-adhesive portion of the succeeding leaf binding strip portion, said pivotal fold axis of said each of said leaves being nested and substantially registered in alignment, one with respect to the other.

35 23. A planar leaf structure formed from a single section of material, having a top face, a bottom face and perimeter features including at least two leaf structure edges, a first leaf structure binding edge and a second, opposing, leaf structure edge, said leaf structure having a leaf structure width between said opposing leaf structure edges, said leaf structure further comprising:

40 a pivotal fold hint between said opposing leaf structure edges, forming a pivotal fold hint axis, said pivotal fold hint axis being parallel to and away from said leaf structure binding edge by a distance, the pivotal fold hint distance, which distance is no greater than half said leaf structure width, said pivotal fold hint thereby dividing said leaf structure into two portions, a leaf body portion having a top face and a bottom face, for use as a media strip, and a leaf binding strip portion, said pivotal fold hint for indicating the location where the pivotal movement of said leaf body portion may be effected with respect to said leaf binding strip portion; and,

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said leaf binding strip may be readily folded about said pivotal fold hint axis into a first, closed position, wherein said adhesive material is coincident with a face of said leaf body, said adhesive material forming a semi-permanent attachment and being completely covered and thereby deactivated, permitting said leaf structure to be manipulated with absolutely no adhesive material interference, and further where,

said leaf binding strip may be readily folded about said pivotal fold hint axis into a second, open position, wherein said adhesive material is non-coincident with a face of said leaf body, said adhesive portion being completely exposed, freely hinged, and thereby activated, permitting said leaf structure to be manipulated as an add-in leaf for a host of which it may become a part, by being attached and successively reattached to a host, by way of said exposed, self stick repositionable adhesive, and thereby easily folded and thereby turned about said pivotal fold hint axis when so attached.

24. The leaf structure of claim 23 wherein said fold hint is a prefolded crease marking.

25. The leaf structure of claim 23 wherein said fold hint is a print marking.

26. The leaf structure of claim 23 wherein said fold hint is a series of one or more score cuts, AND (b) a series

27. The leaf structure of claim 23 wherein said first leaf structure binding edge and said second opposing leaf structure edge are vertically oriented and laterally disposed, one with respect to the other.

28. The leaf structure of claim 23 where said at least one of said leaf structure faces further comprises print markings.

29. The leaf structure of claim 23 where at least one of said leaf body portion and said leaf binding strip portion further comprises printed markings for making a cut pattern, which cut pattern would permit the attachment of said leaf structure to a host when said adhesive is deactivated.

30. The leaf structure of claim 23 where at least one of said leaf body portion and said leaf binding strip portion have a cut pattern with cut pattern edges cut therein for enabling the attachment of said leaf to a host, where said cut pattern is so formed such that when said leaf binding strip portion is folded about said pivotal fold hint axis to lie coincident with said leaf body portion, said cut pattern edges are exposed.

31. The leaf structure of claim 23 where at least one of said leaf body portion and said leaf binding strip portion is translucent.

32. The leaf structure of claim 23 where at least one of said leaf body portion and said leaf binding strip portion has a distinct color.

33. The leaf structure of claim 23 where said leaf structure material is paper.

34. The leaf structure of claim 23 where said leaf structure material is a spun olefin fibre material.

35. The leaf structure of claim 23 where at least one of said leaf body portion and said leaf binding strip portion further comprises a stiffening material as a part therof which stiffening material is free of said pivotal fold axis permitting the free pivotal motion of said leaf body portion.

36. The leaf structure of claim 23 where said leaf body portion of said leaf structure further comprises a coating material as a part thereon, where said coating material is a

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material whose purpose is to render said leaf body portion more readily susceptible to the attachment of other objects that have repositionable adhesive thereon.

37. The leaf structure of claim 23 where said perimeter features of said leaf body portion of said leaf structure are cut in a pattern.

38. The leaf structure of claim 23 where said leaf body portion of said leaf structure further comprises a plurality of folded panels.

39. The leaf structure of claim 23 where said leaf body portion of said leaf structure further comprises a stack of one or more leafs, each having repositionable adhesive thereon.

40. The leaf structure of claim 23 where said leaf body portion is rectangular in shape, having four corners and having a leaf body hinge edge coincident with said pivotal fold hinge axis, and having a leaf body hinge edge length,

where said leaf binding strip portion further comprises perimeter features including a leaf binding strip portion length, said leaf binding strip portion length being less than said leaf body hinge edge length, said pivotal fold hinge axis between said leaf binding strip and said leaf body being formed so as to allow three or more of said four corners of said leaf body portion to be unattached.

41. In combination, two or more leaves having a hinged repositionable adhesive binding, comprising at least a first leaf and a last leaf, where each of said two or more hinged repositionable adhesive binding leaves comprises:

a planar leaf structure formed from a single planar section of material, having a top face, a bottom face and perimeter features including at least two leaf structure edges, a first leaf structure binding edge and a second, opposing, leaf structure edge, said leaf structure having a leaf structure width between said opposing leaf structure edges, said leaf structure further comprising:

a pivotal fold hinge between said opposing leaf structure edges, forming a pivotal fold hinge axis, said pivotal fold hinge axis being parallel to and away from said leaf structure binding edge by a distance, the pivotal fold hinge distance, which distance is no greater than half said leaf structure width, said pivotal fold axis thereby dividing said leaf structure into two portions, a leaf body portion having a top face and a bottom face, for use as a media strip, and a leaf binding strip portion, said pivotal fold hinge for indicating and facilitating the pivotal movement of said leaf body portion with respect to said leaf binding strip portion; and,

a self-stick, repositionable adhesive material adhered to a part of the face portion of each of said leaf structure's leaf binding strip portions;

wherein said each of said leaves is placed one on top of the other in a stack.

42. The combination of claim 41 wherein said combination further comprises a base leaf, where said base leaf is a leaf comprising a strip portion no less than the size of the adhesive portion of said last leaf structure binding strip, and where the repositionable adhesive of said binding strip portion of said last leaf is attached to said base leaf, thereby covering said repositionable adhesive of said last leaf binding strip portion, deactivating said repositionable adhesive.

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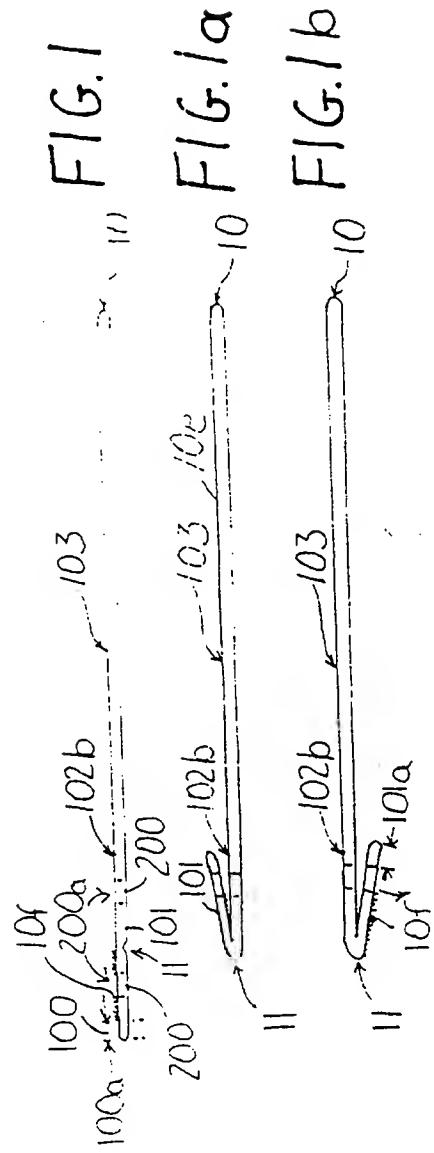
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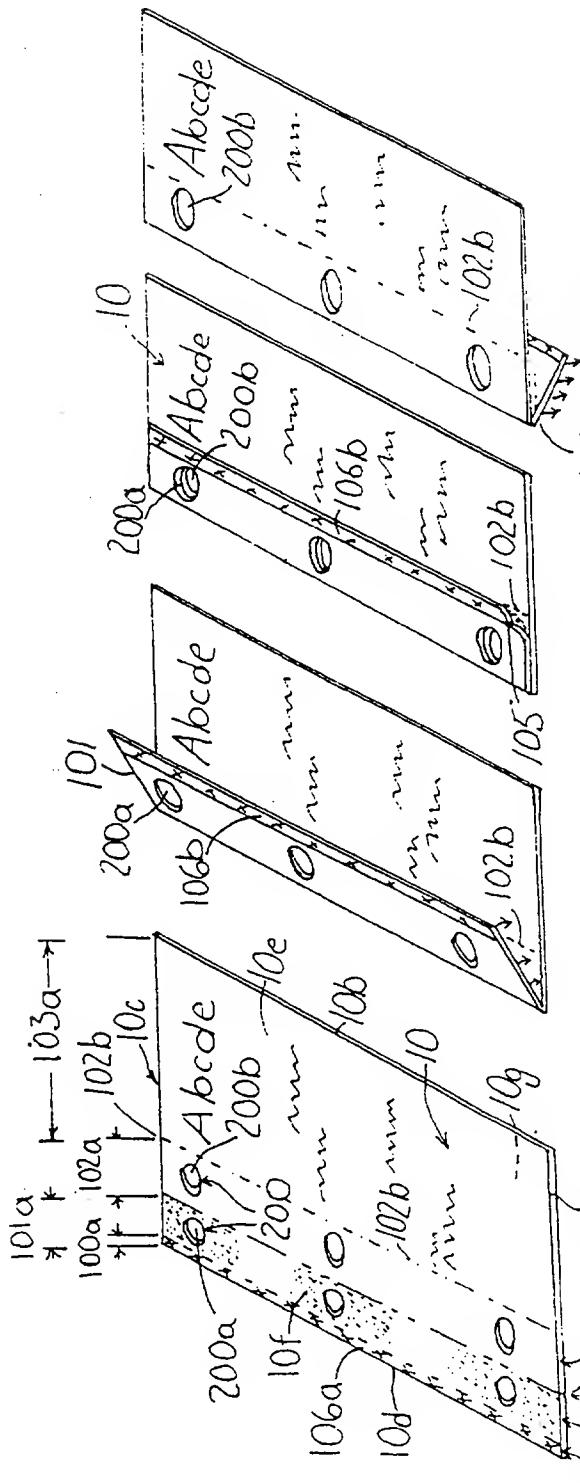


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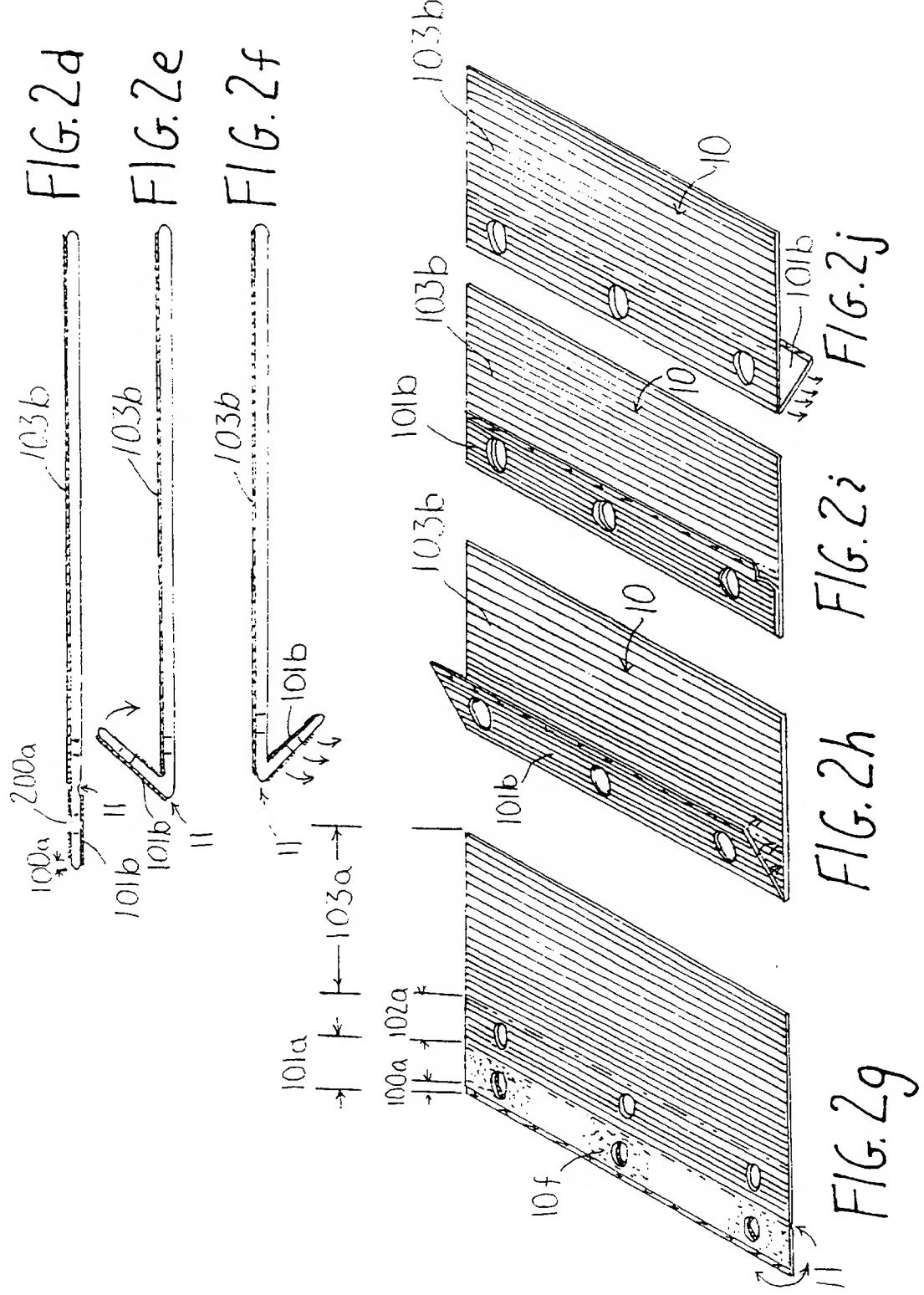
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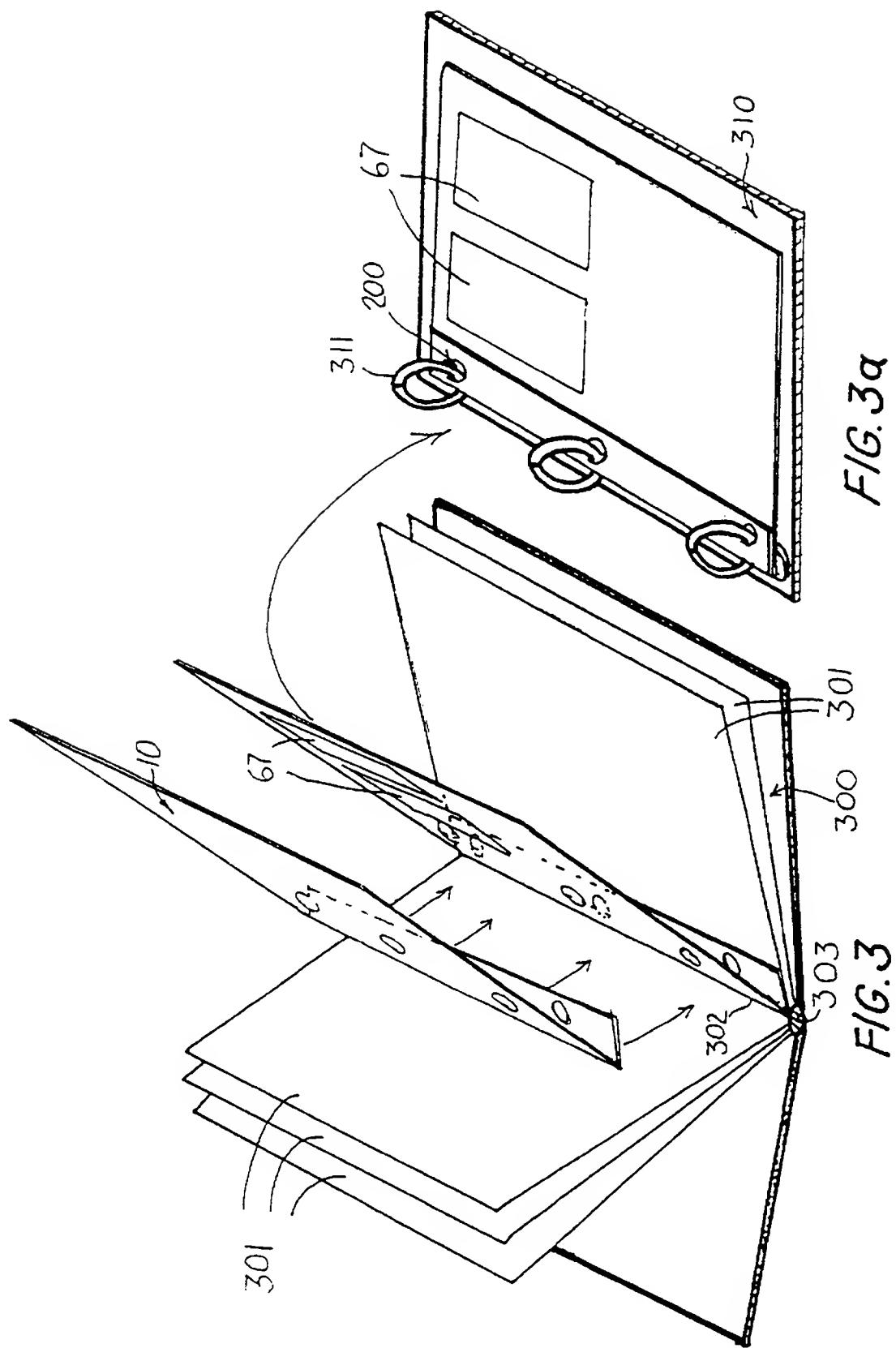
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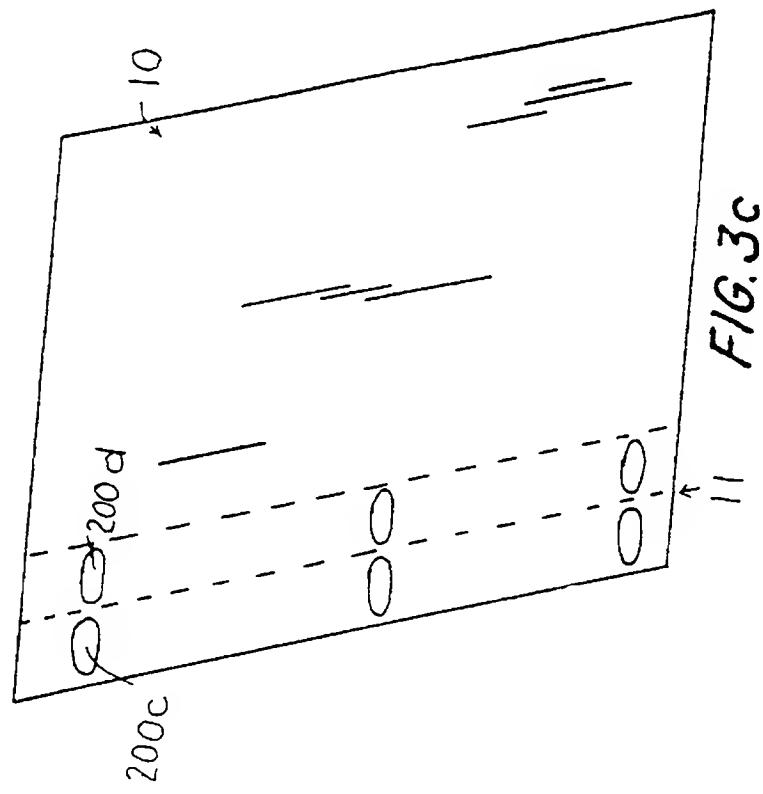
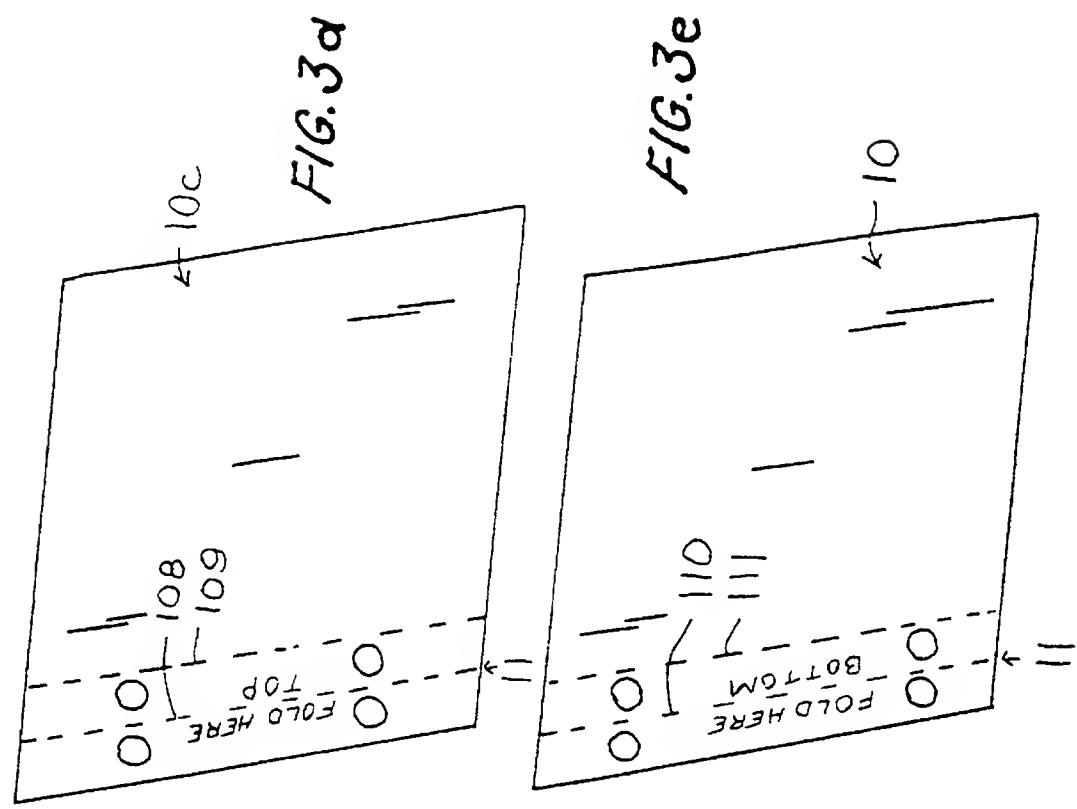
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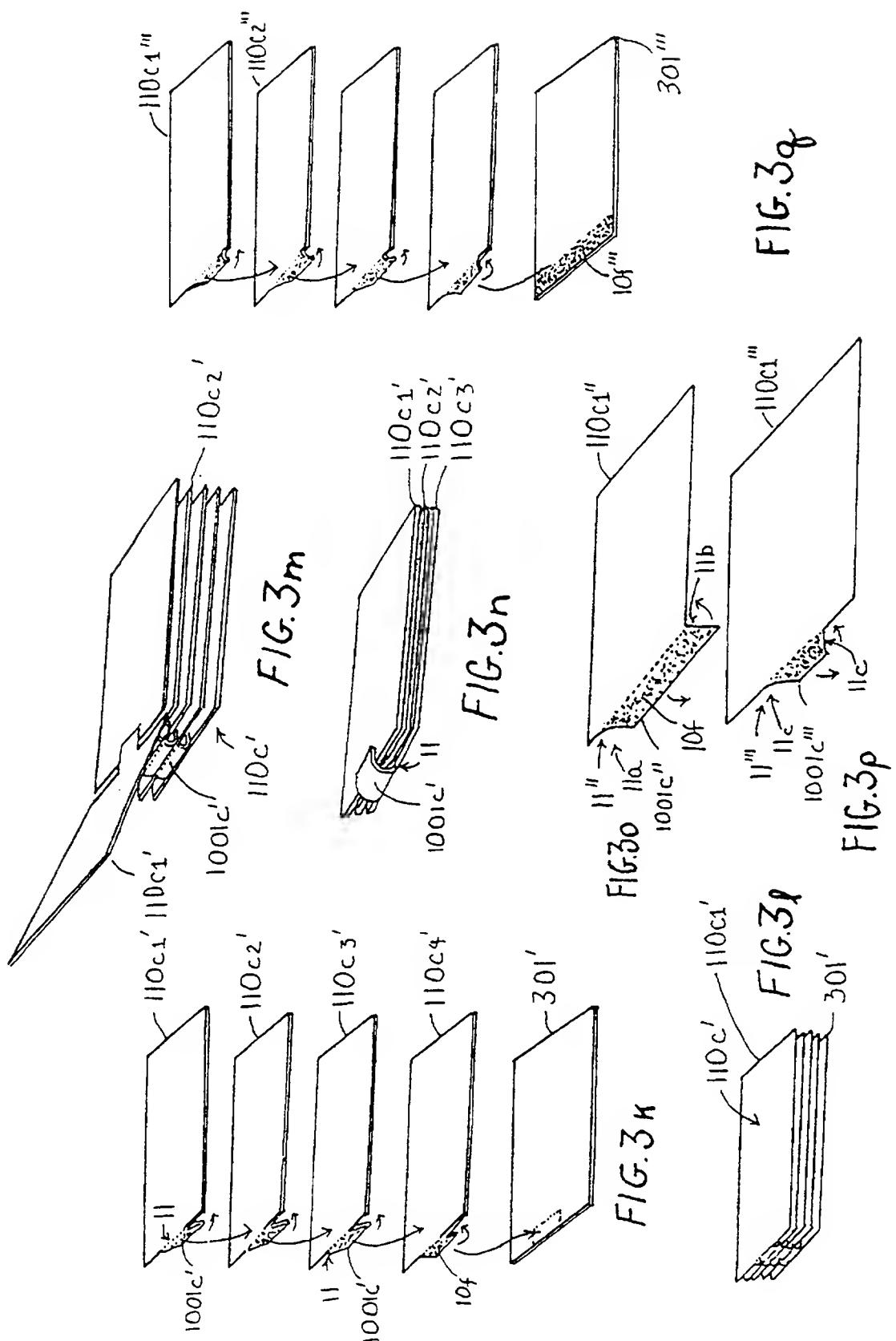
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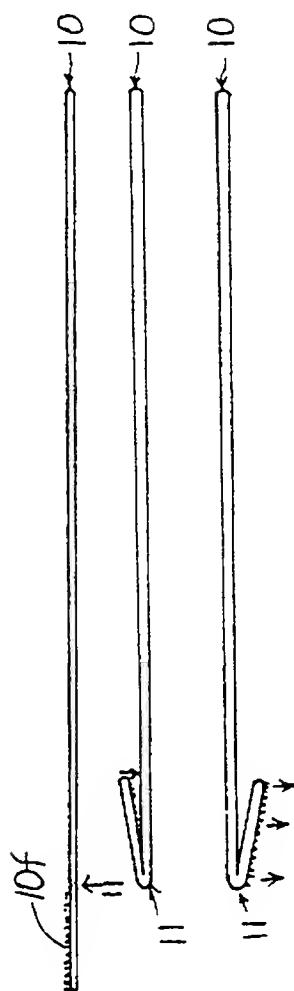


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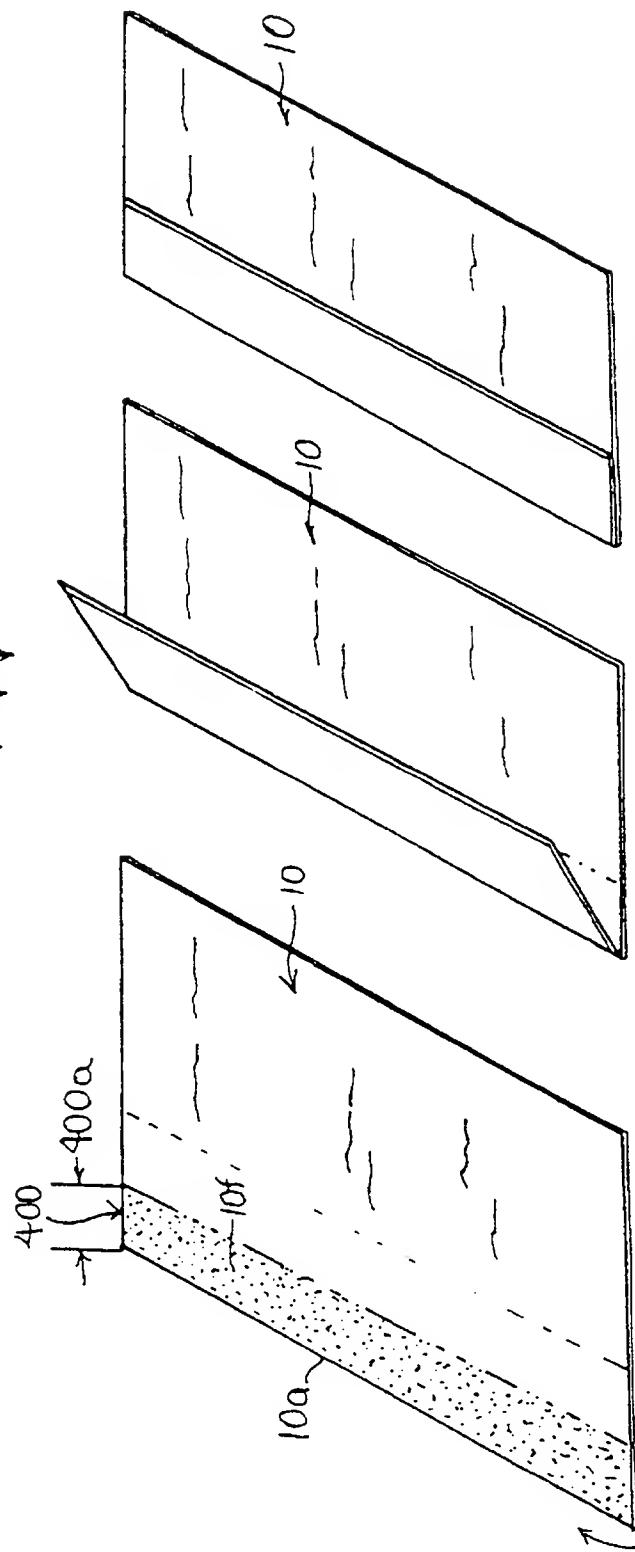


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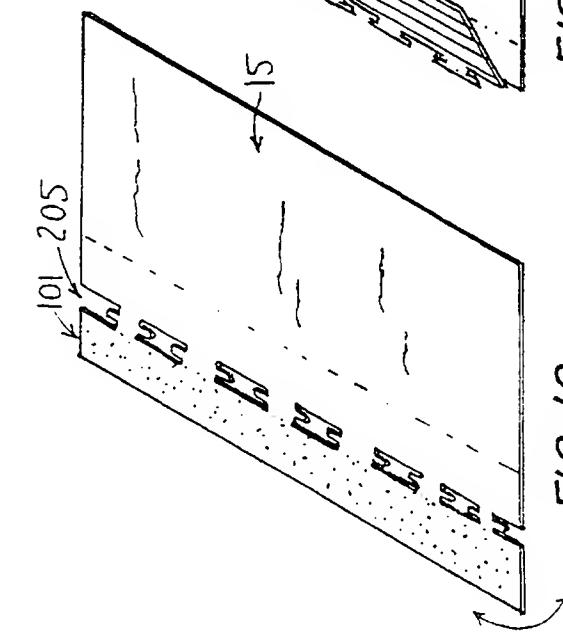
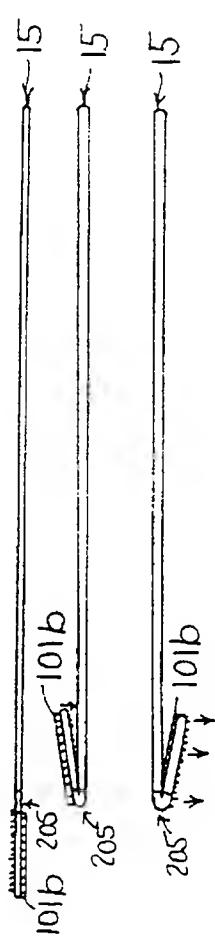


FIG. 10

FIG. 10a

FIG. 10b

FIG. 10c

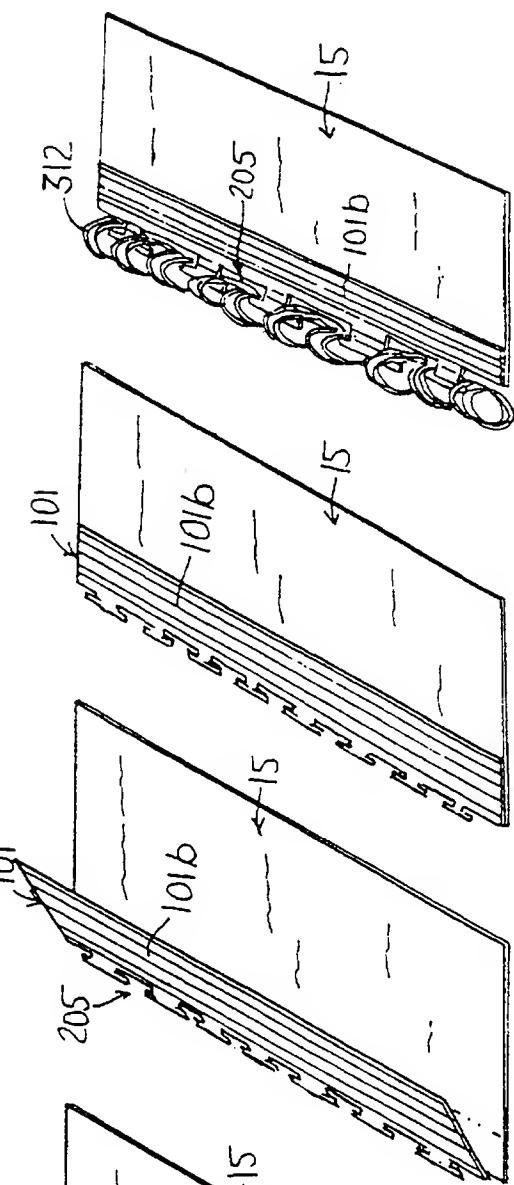
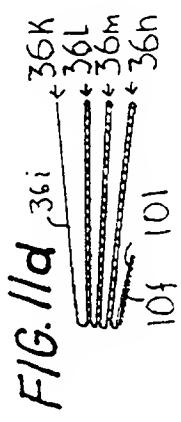
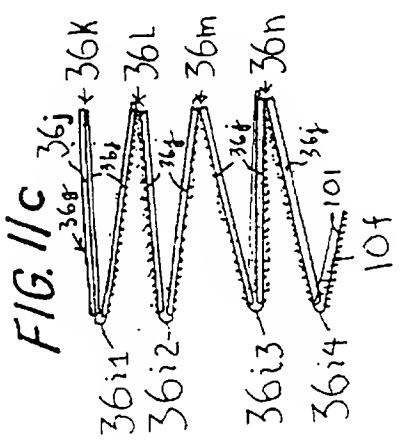
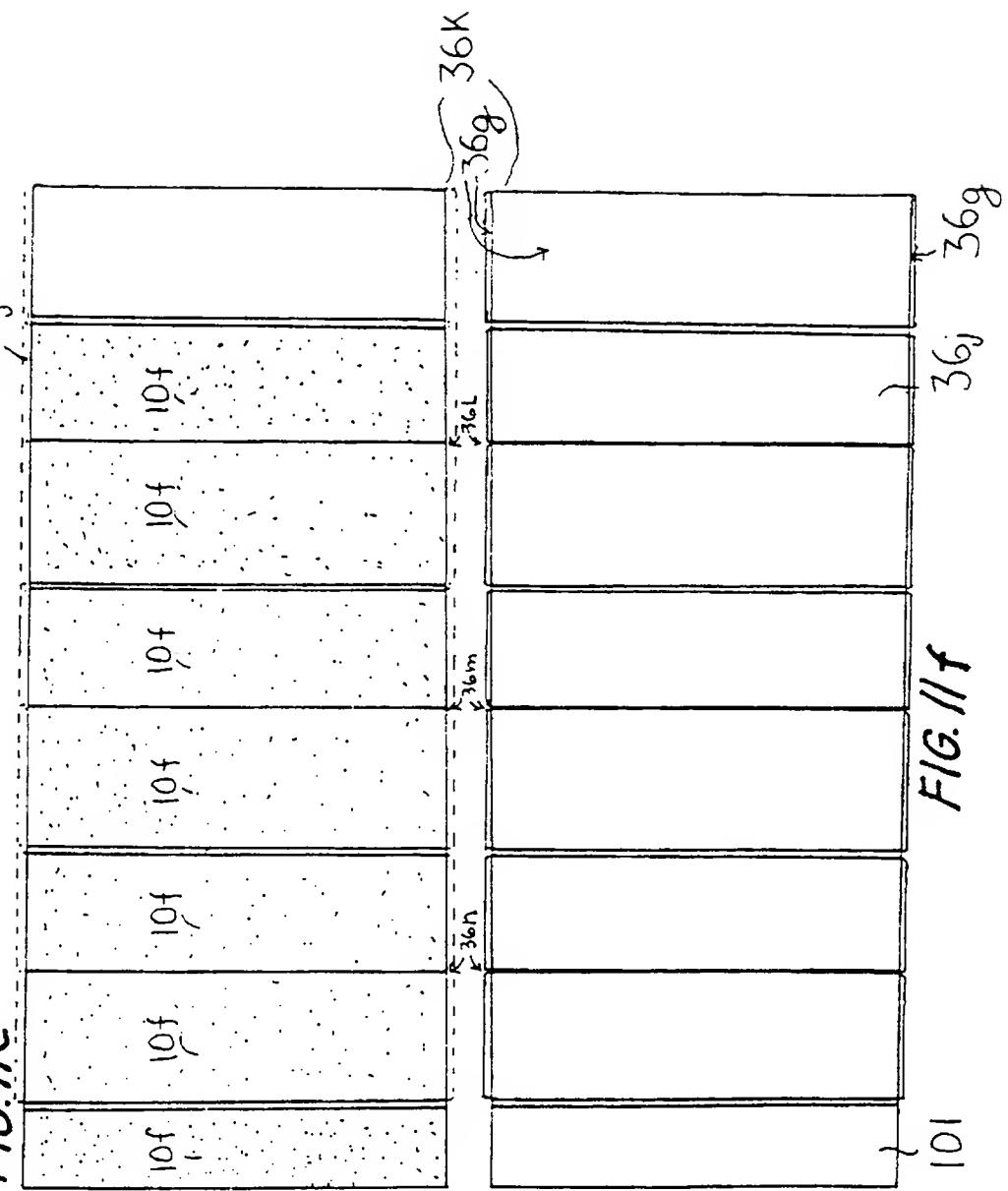


FIG. 11e



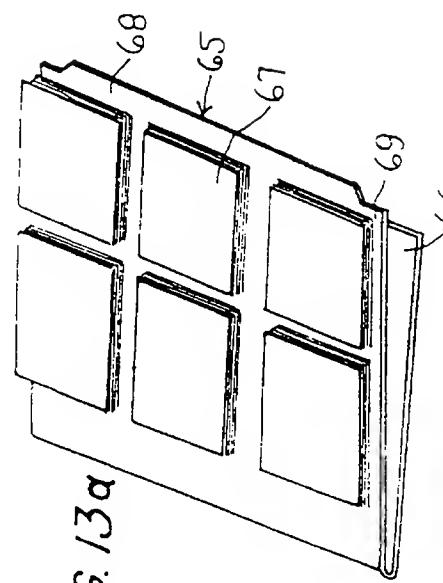


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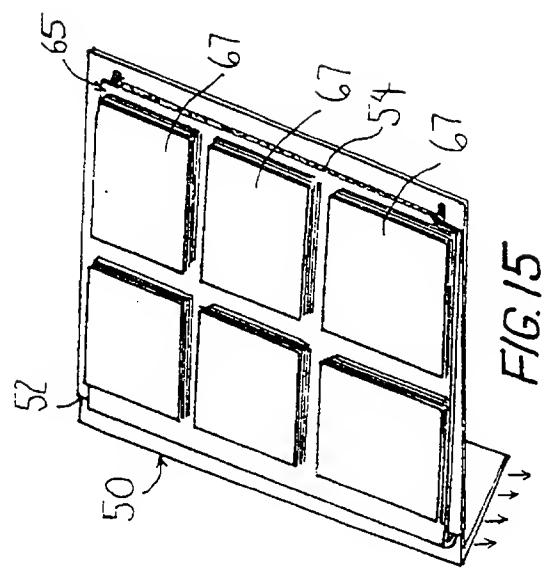


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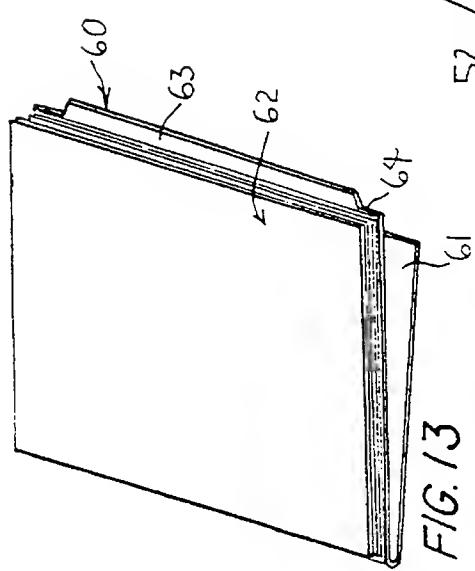


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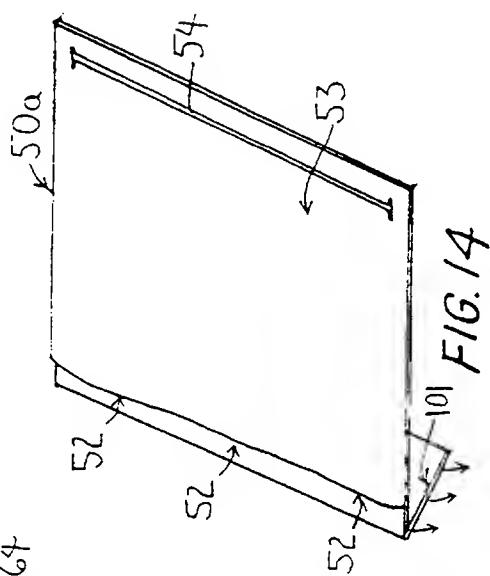
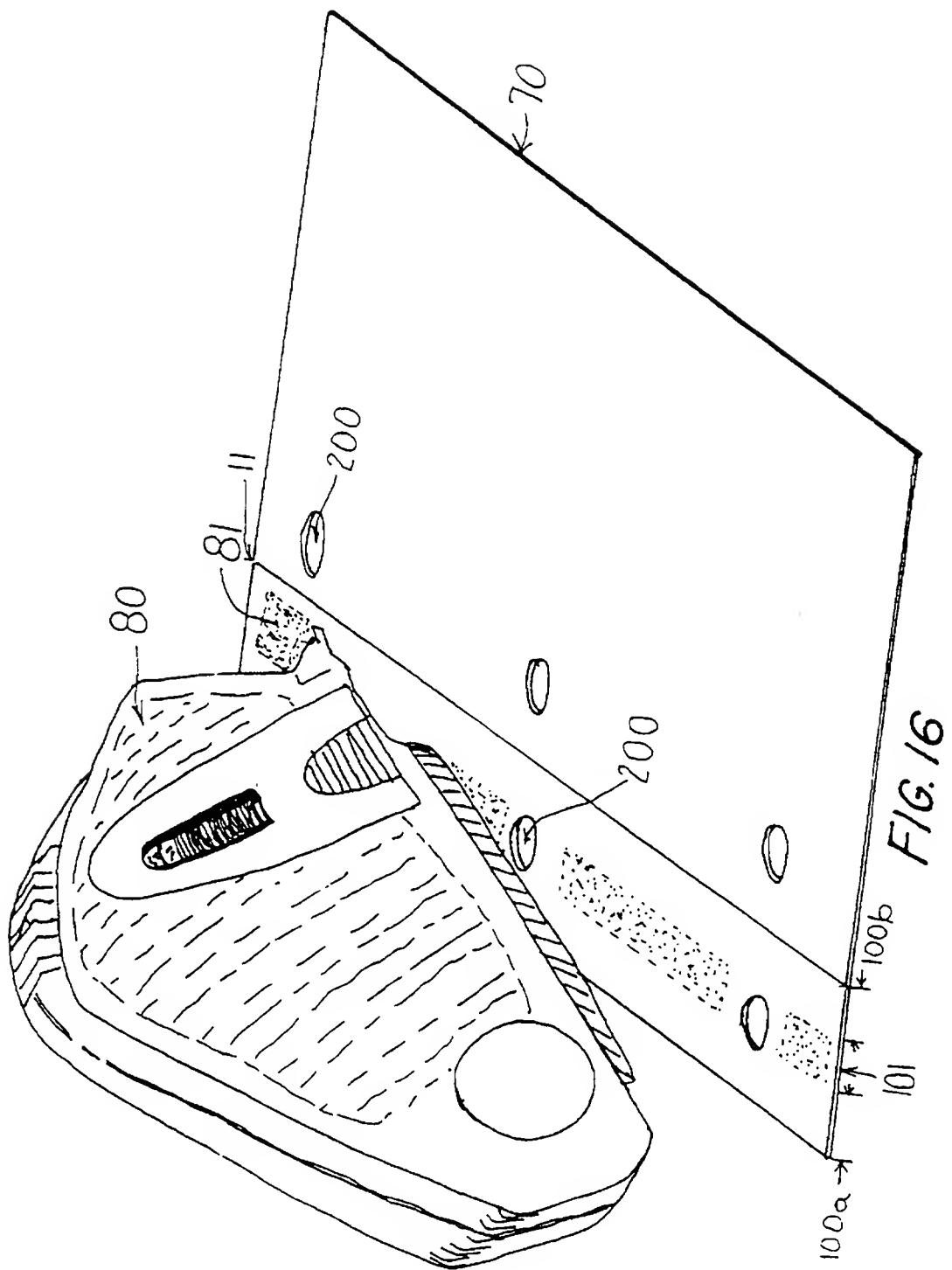
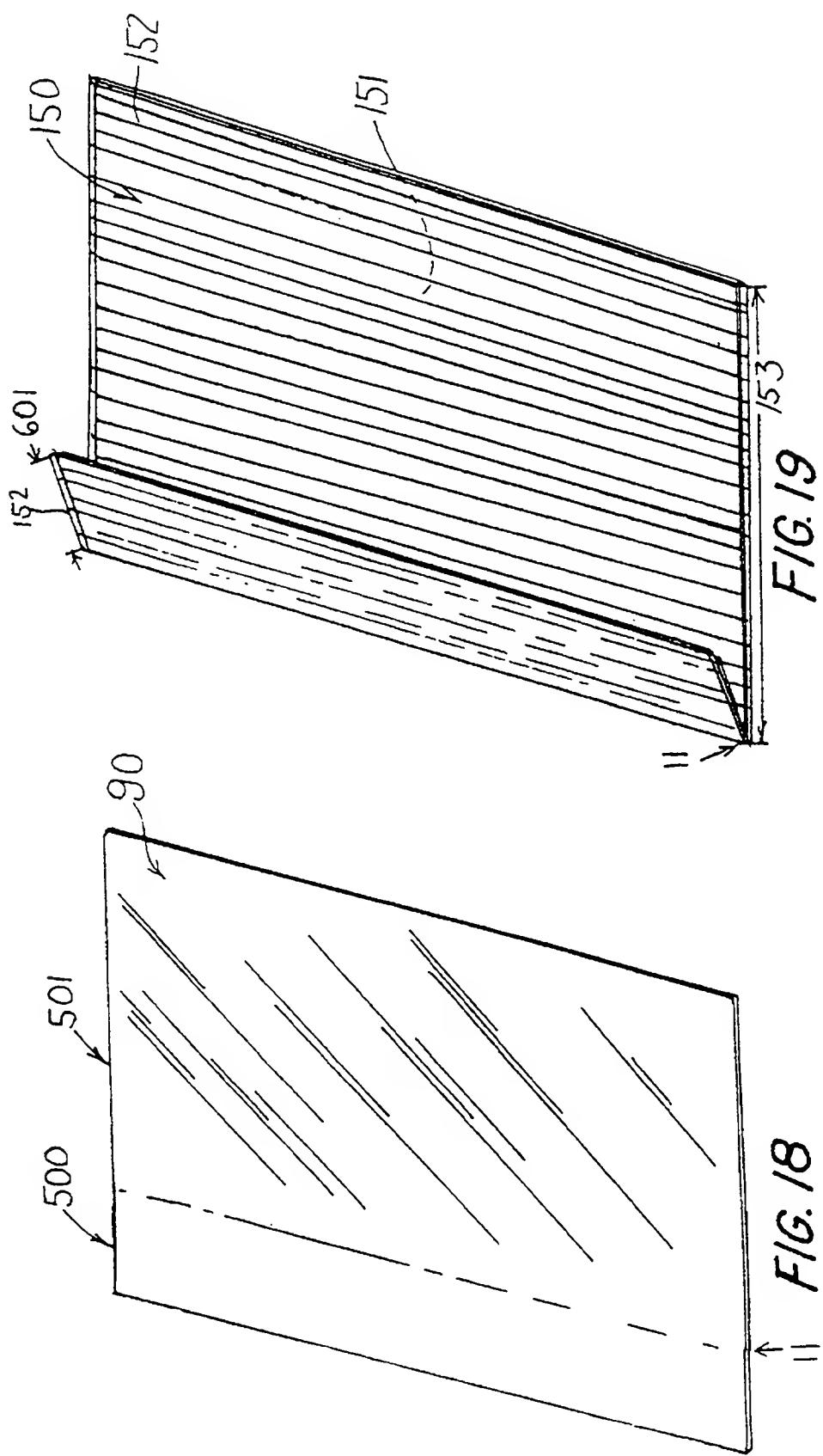


FIG. 14





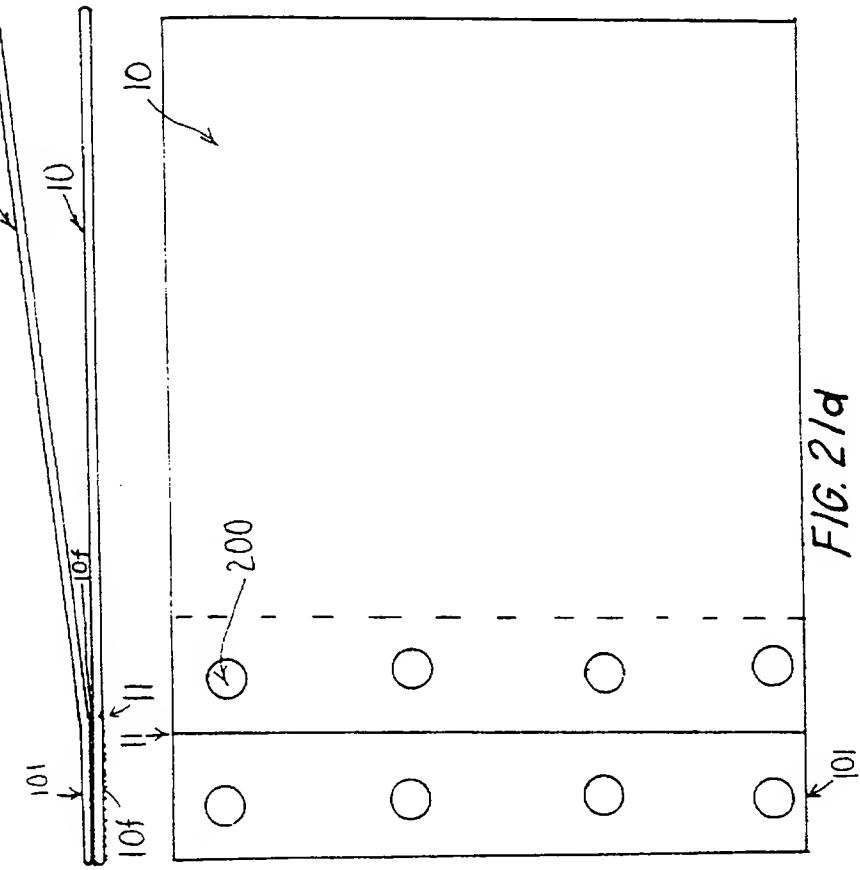
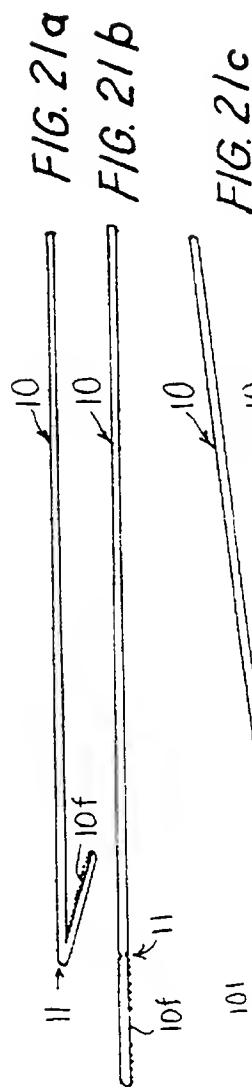


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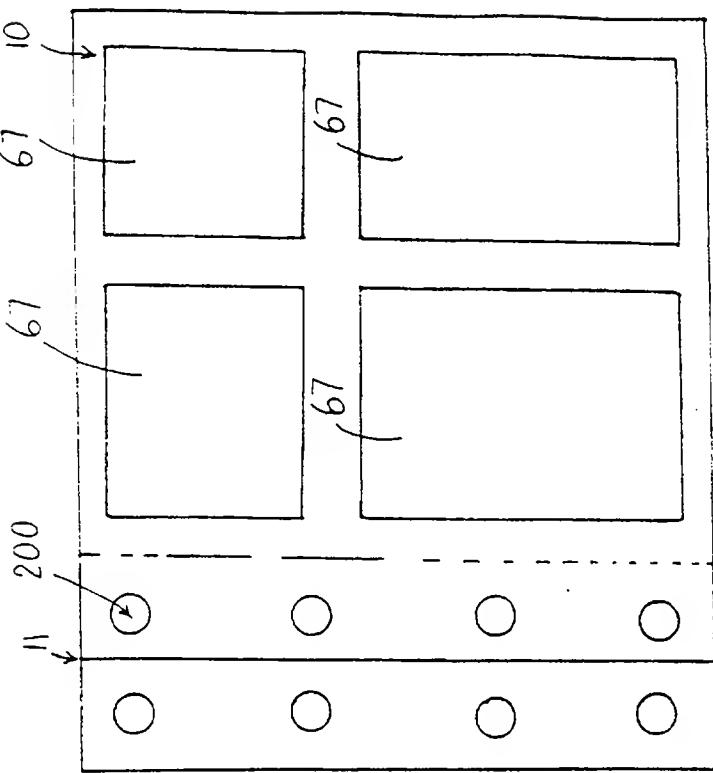
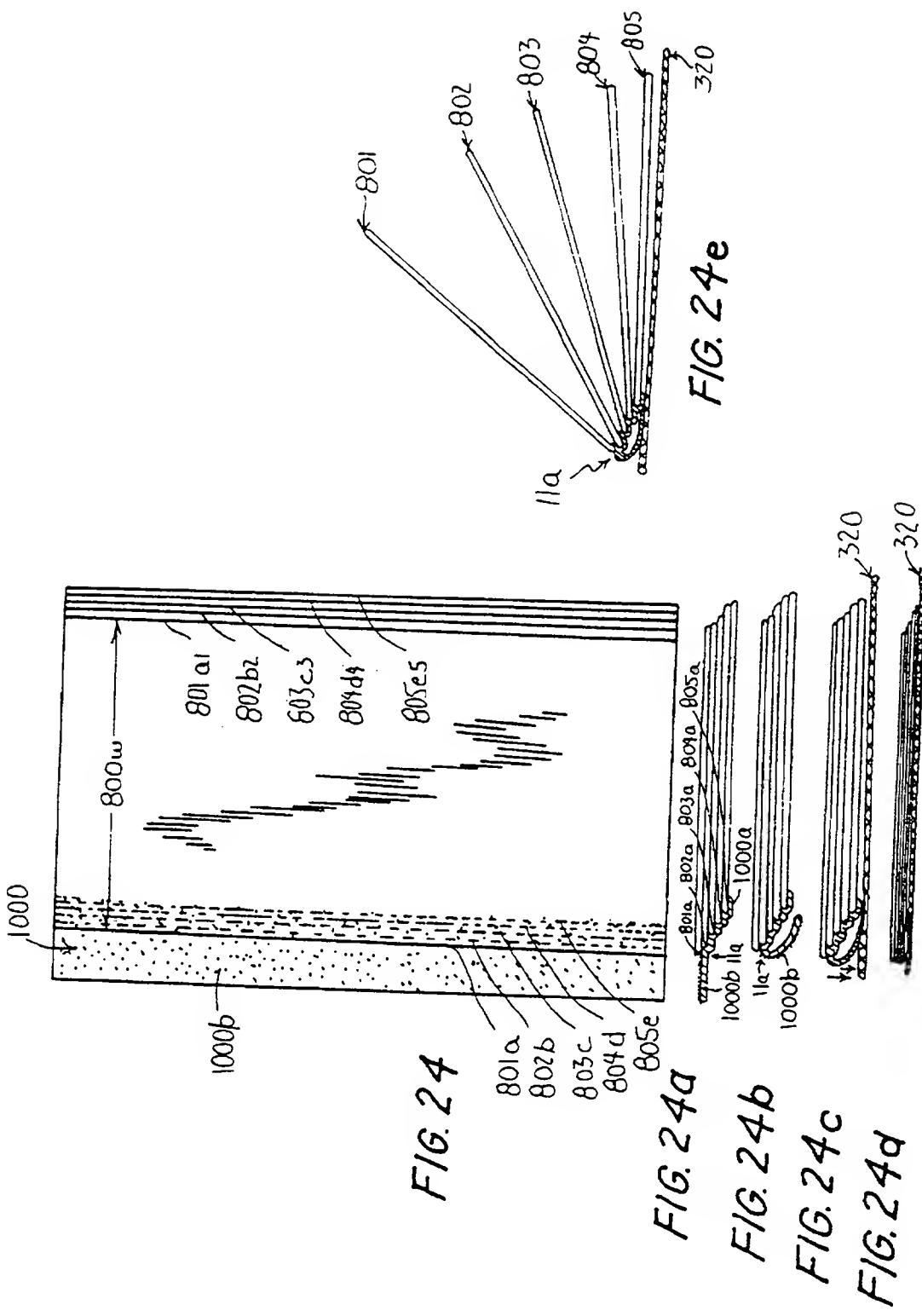
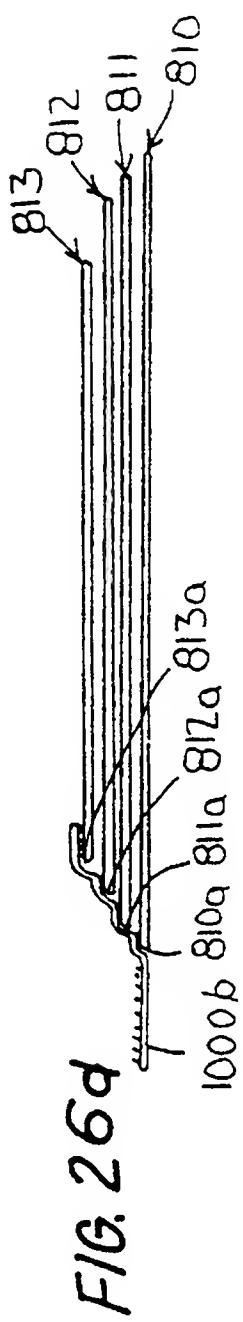
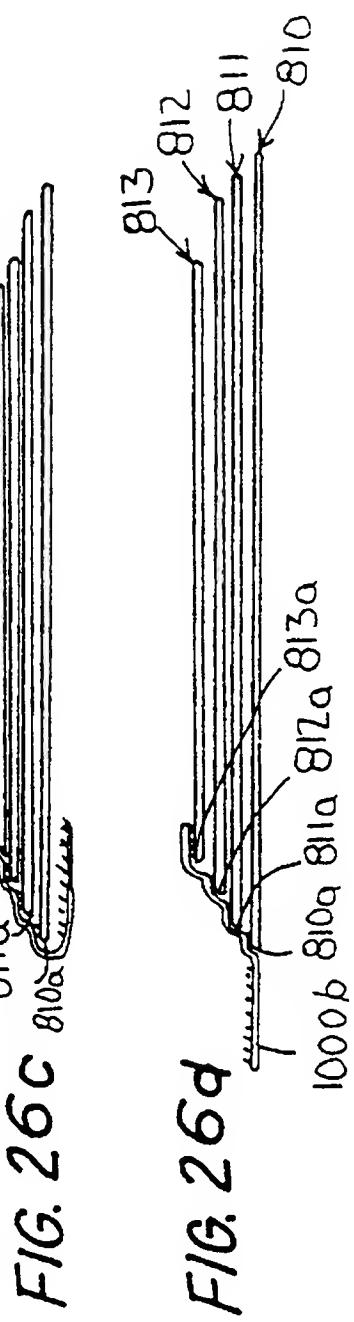
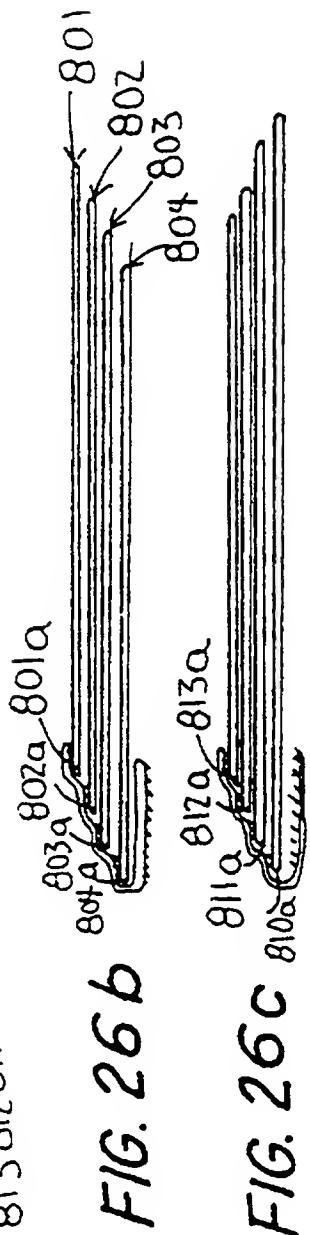
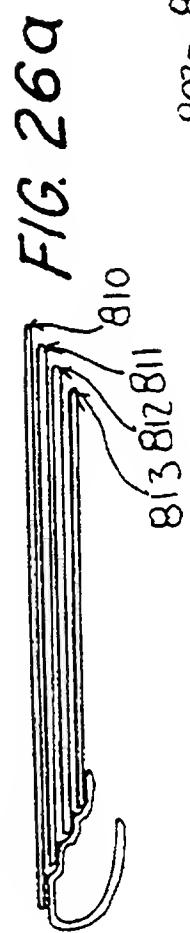
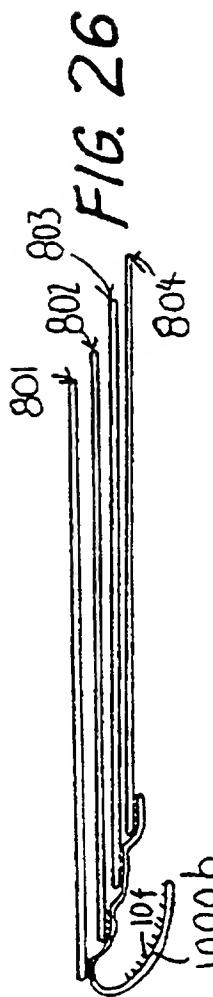
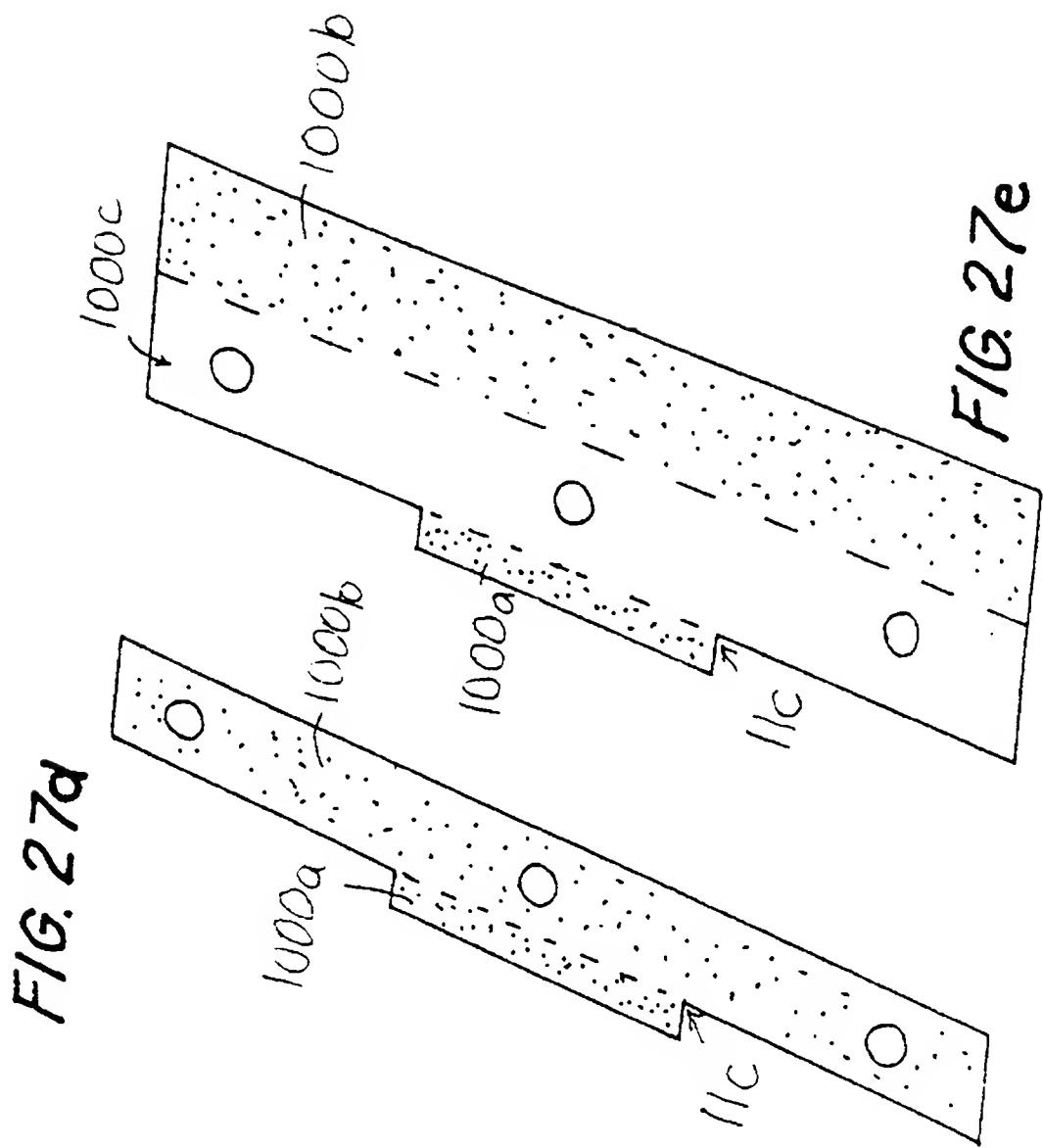


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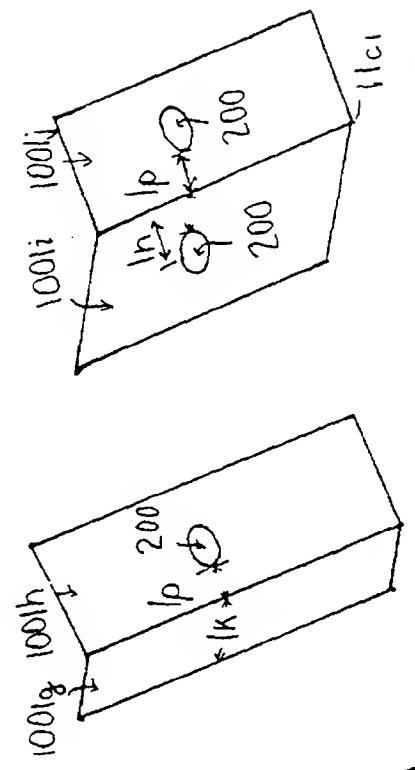
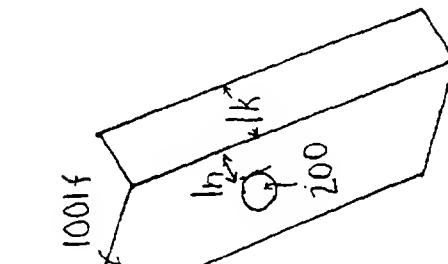
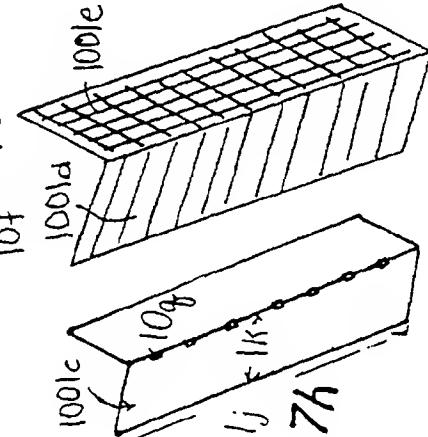
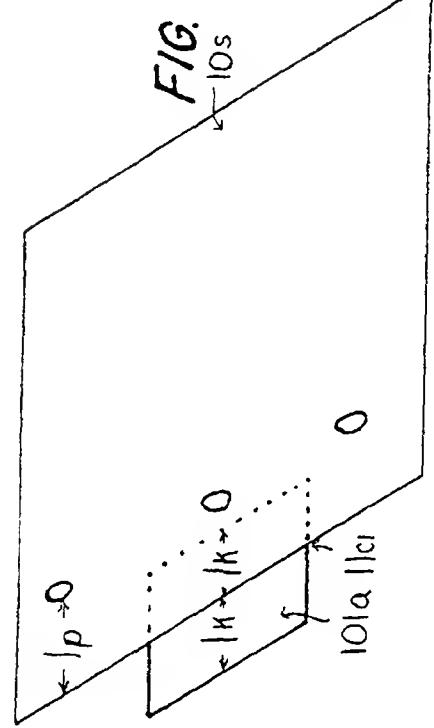
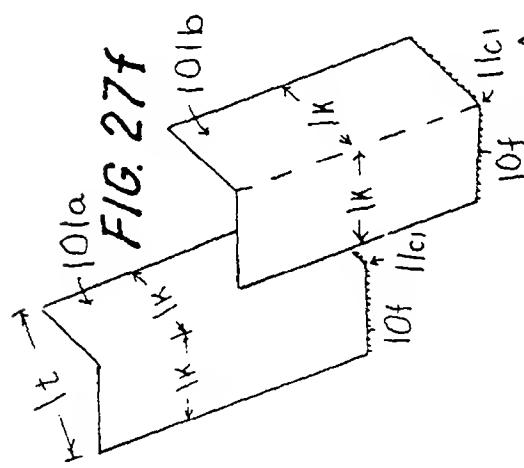


FIG. 27i

FIG. 27j

FIG. 27k

FIG. 27l

FIG. 27l

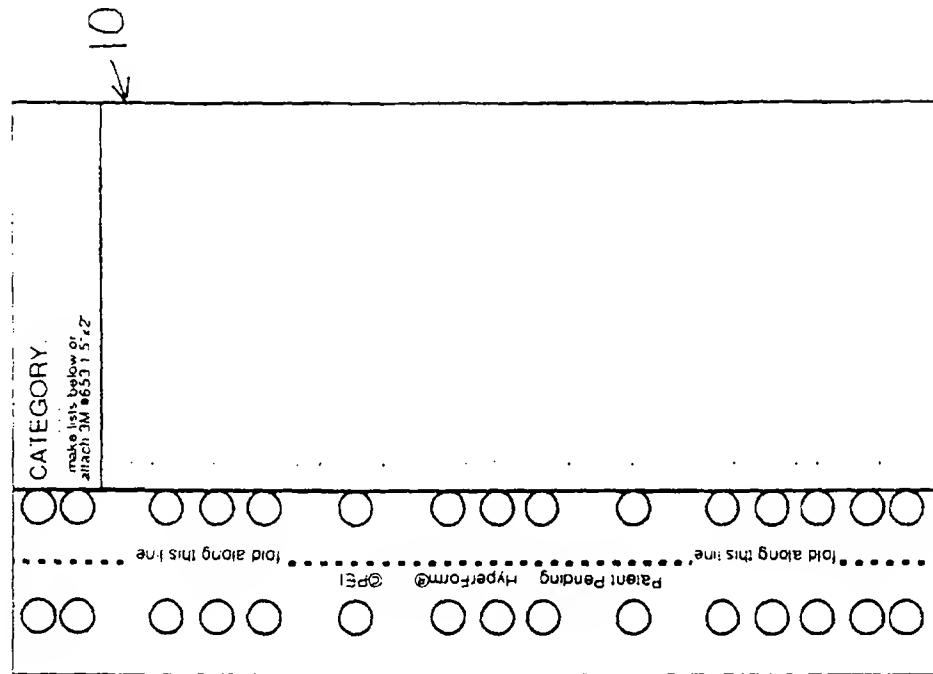


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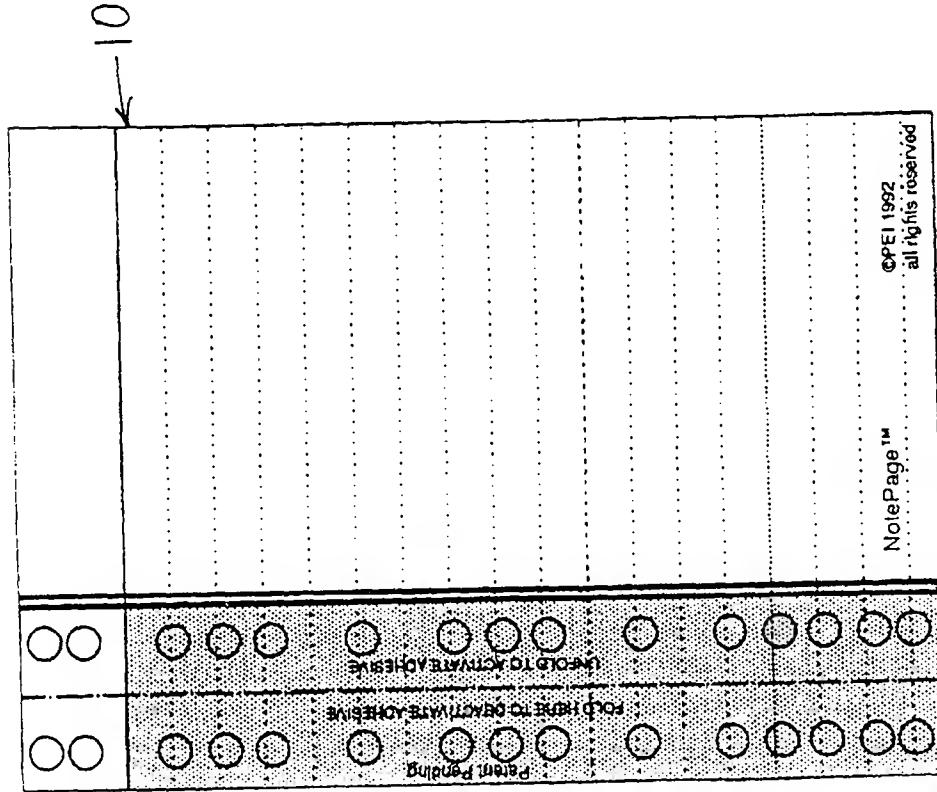
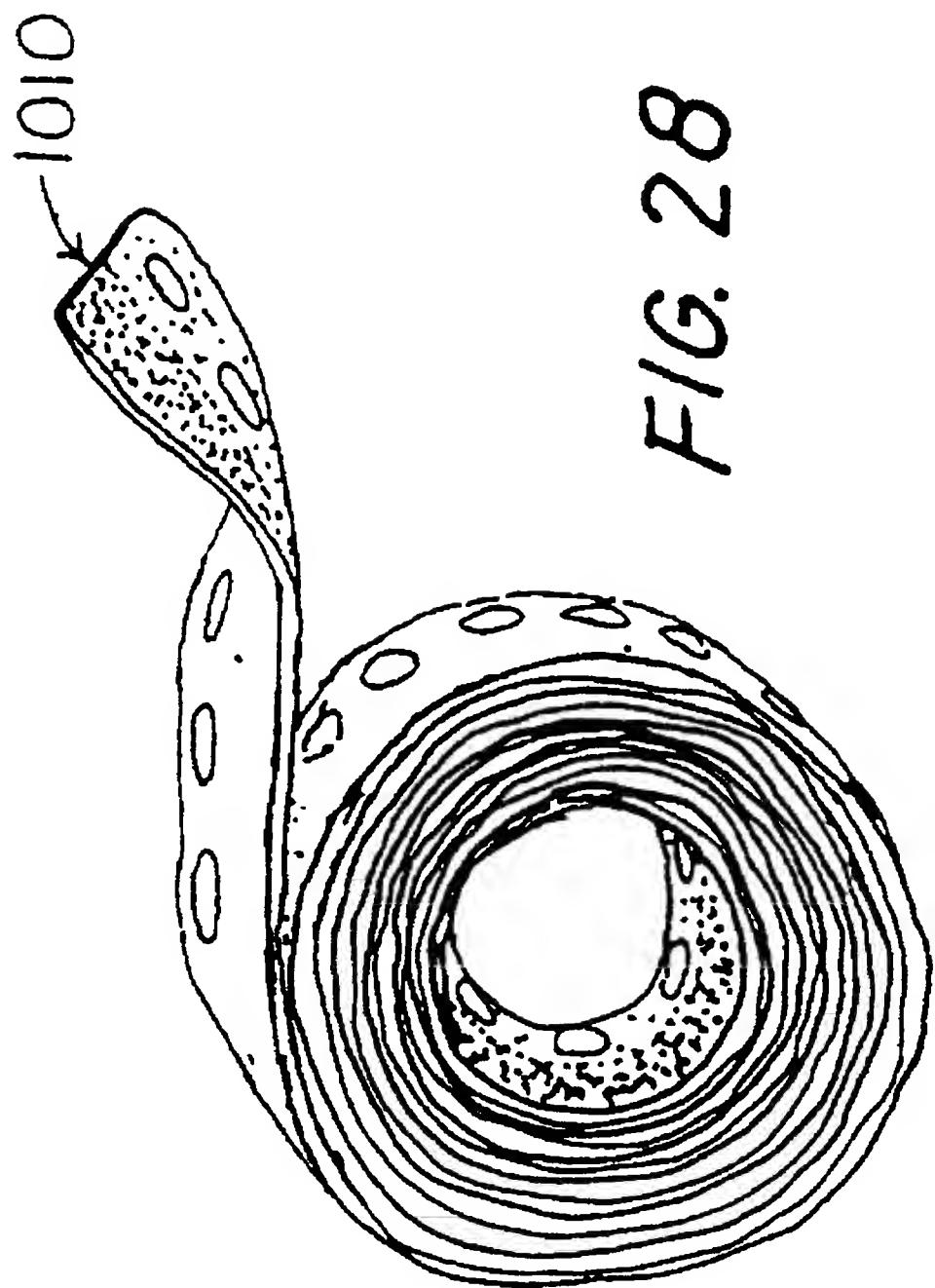
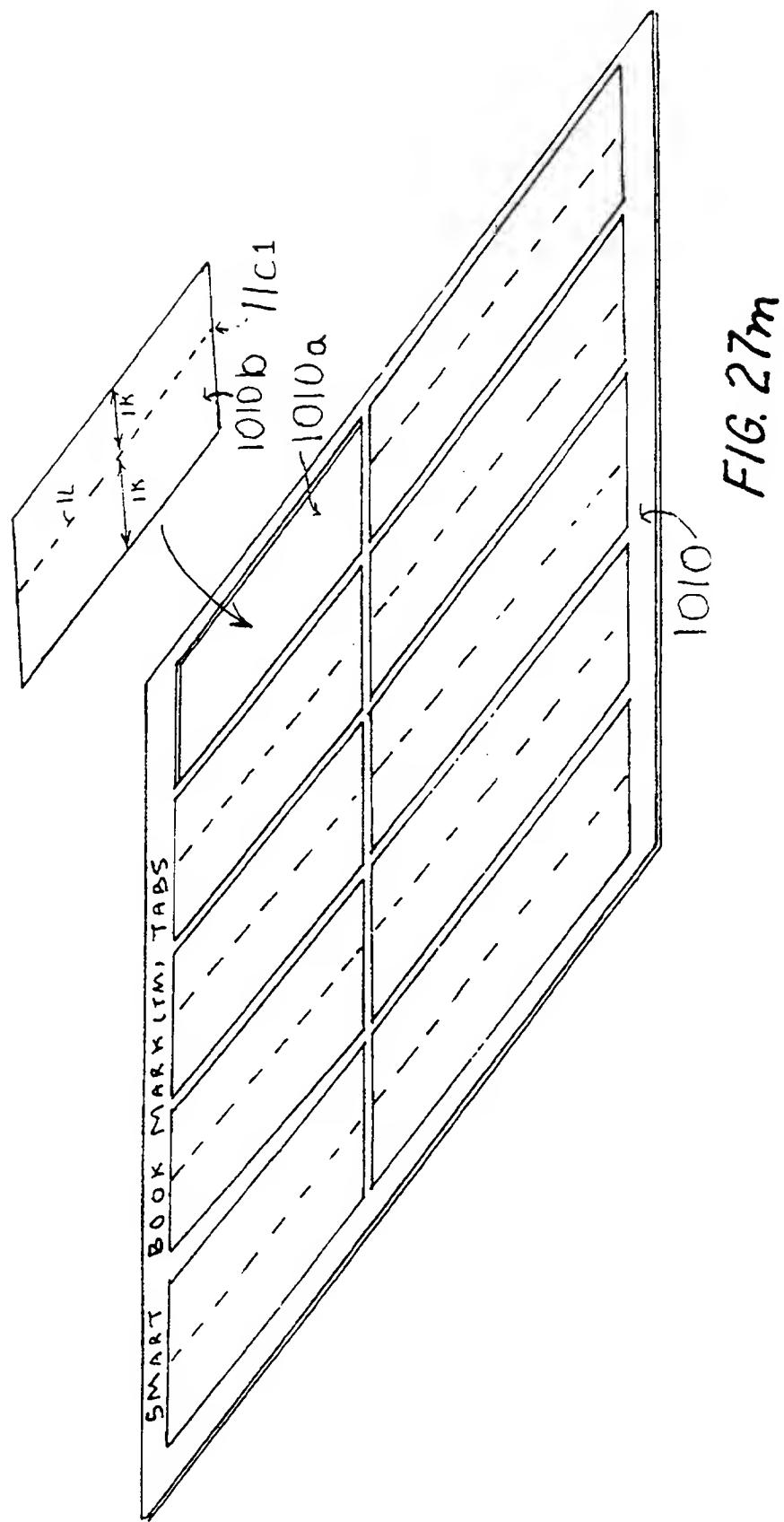
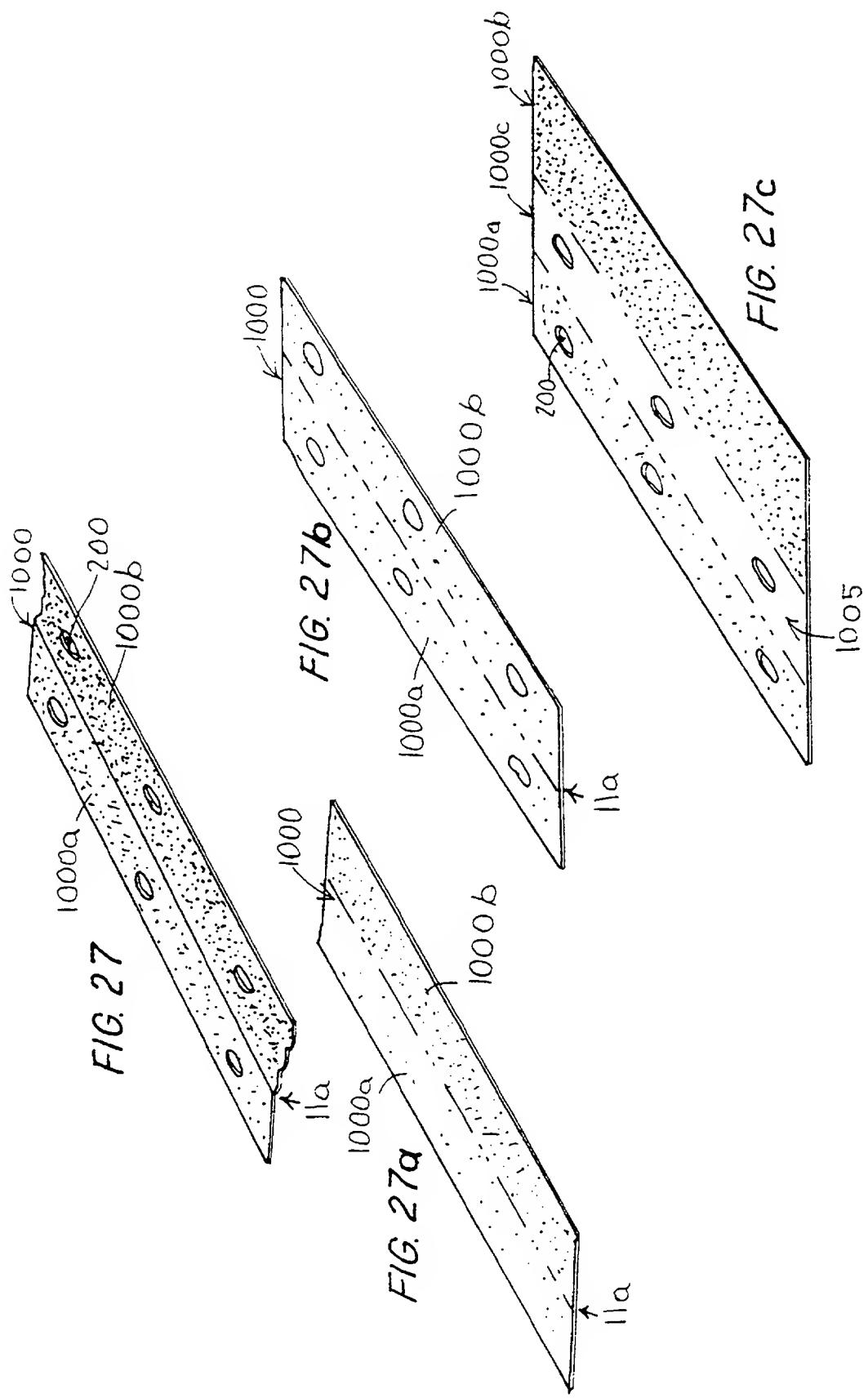
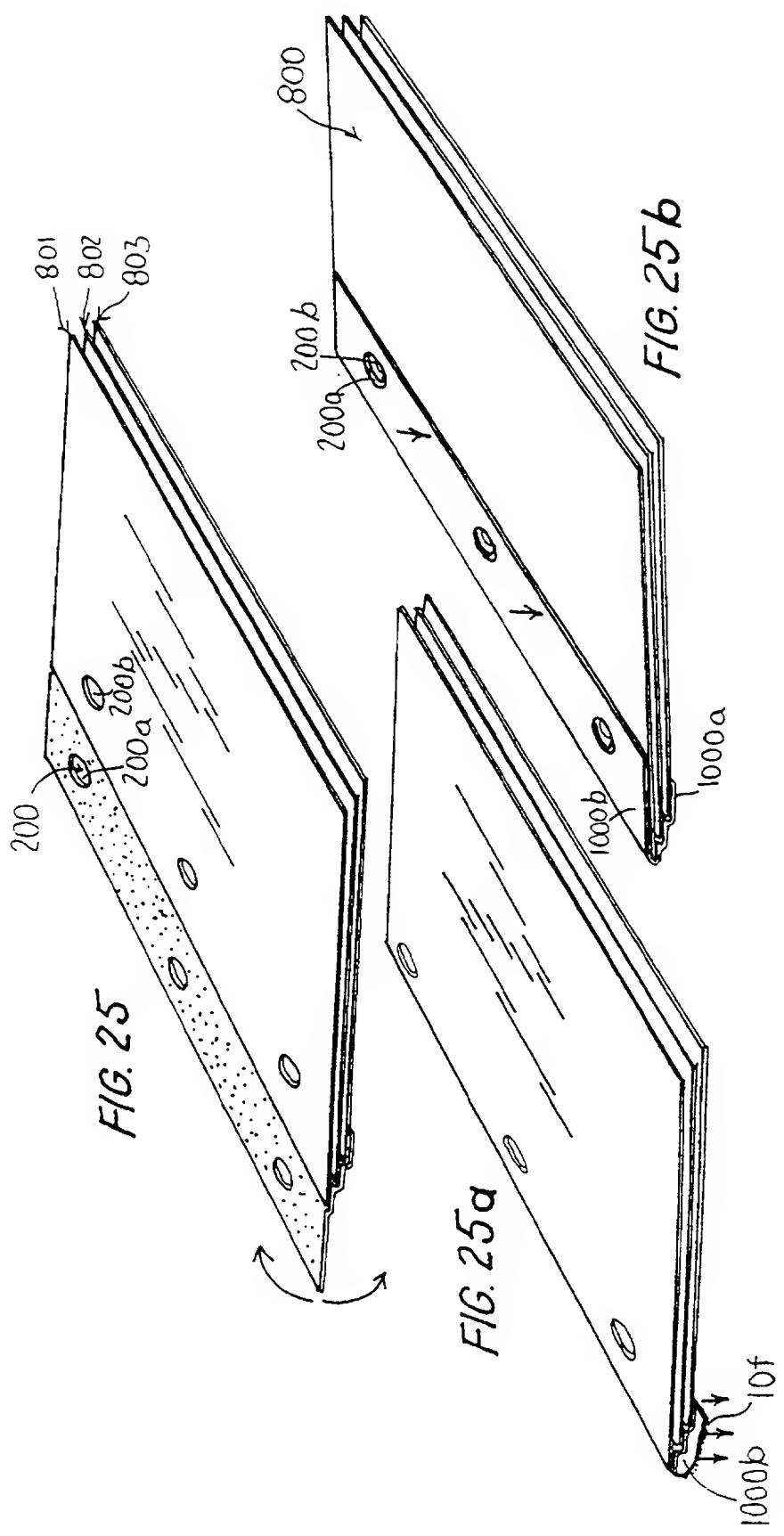


FIG. 29









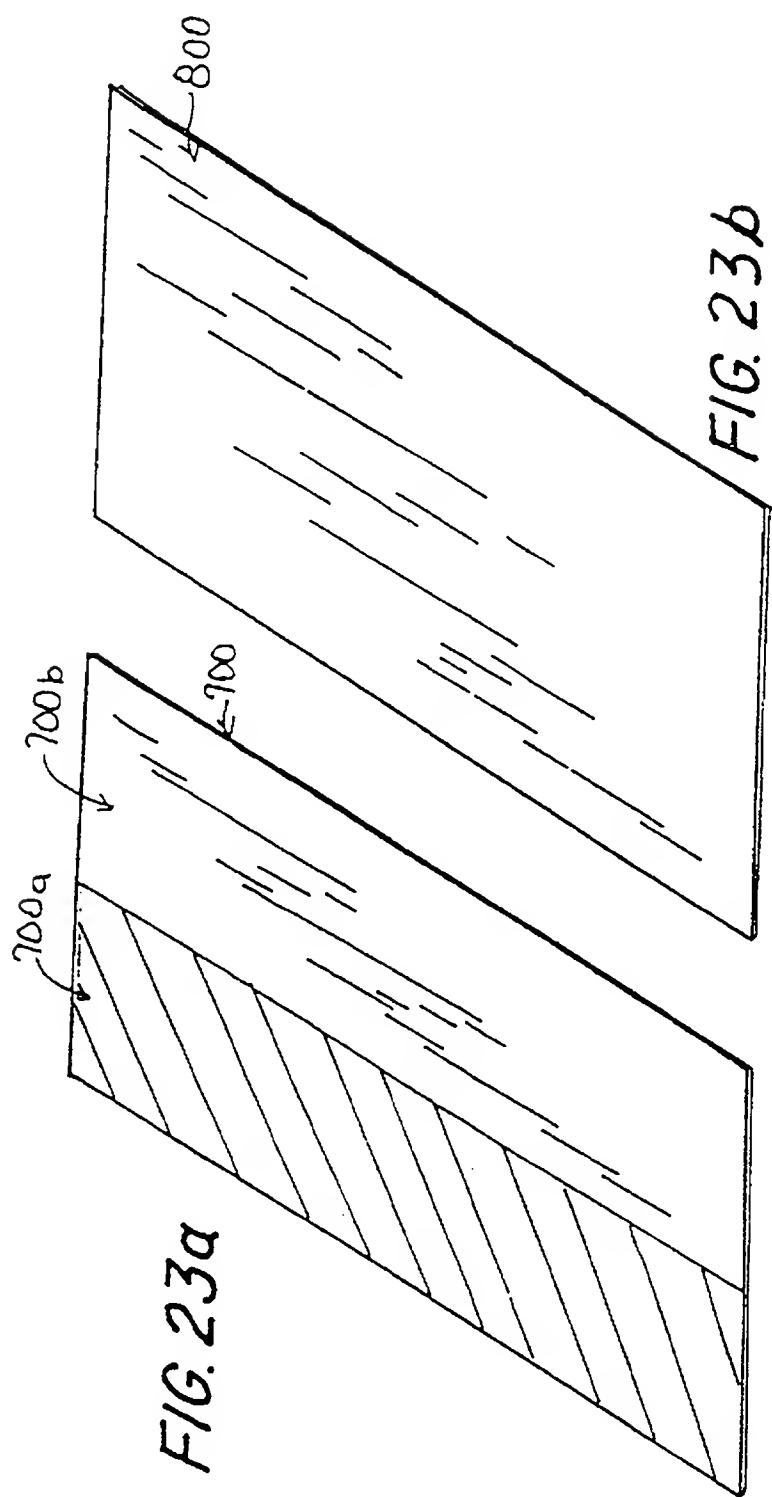
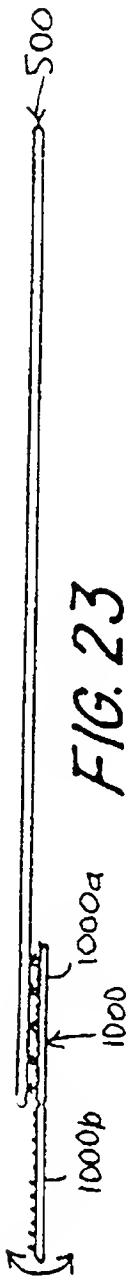
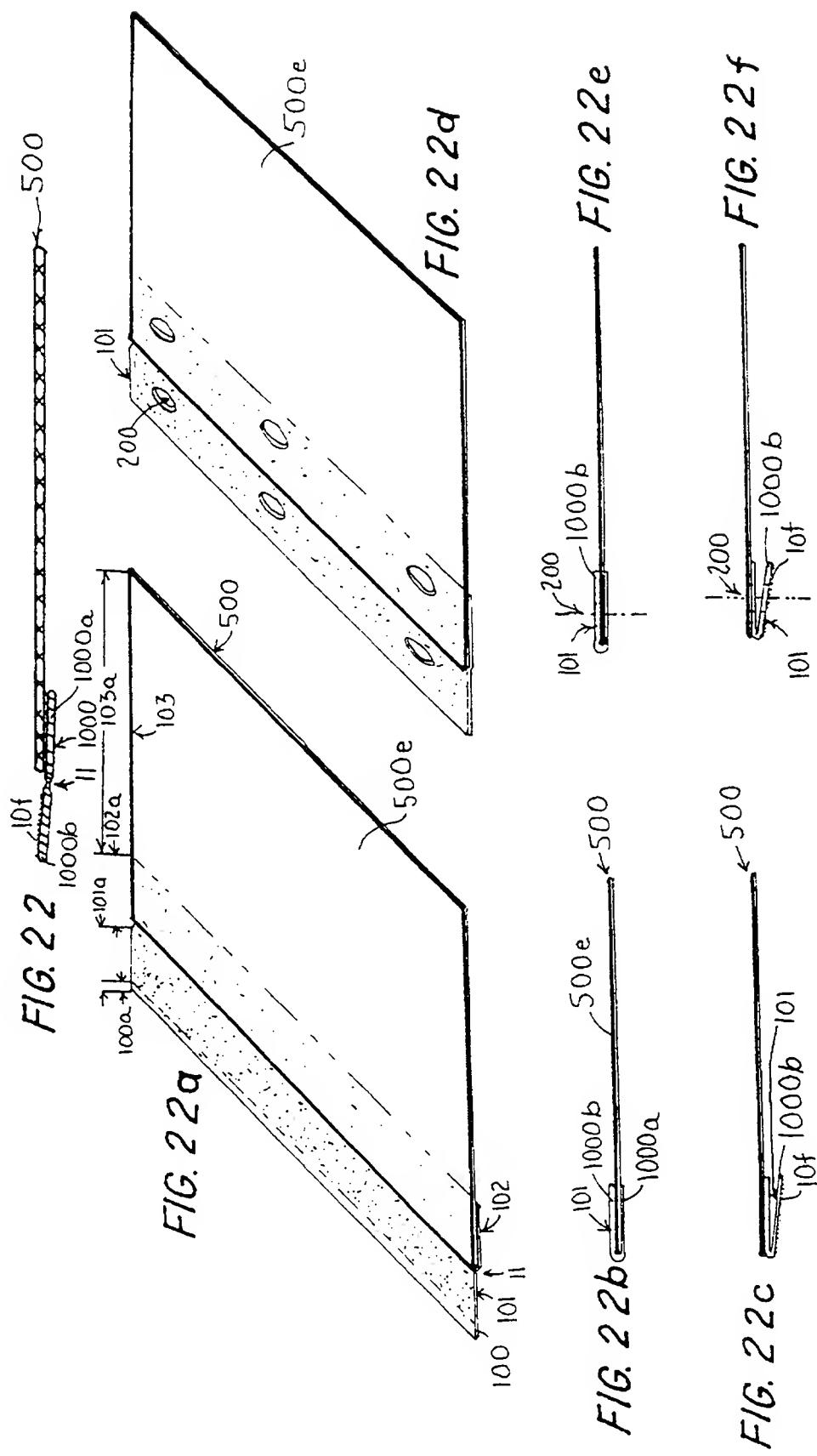
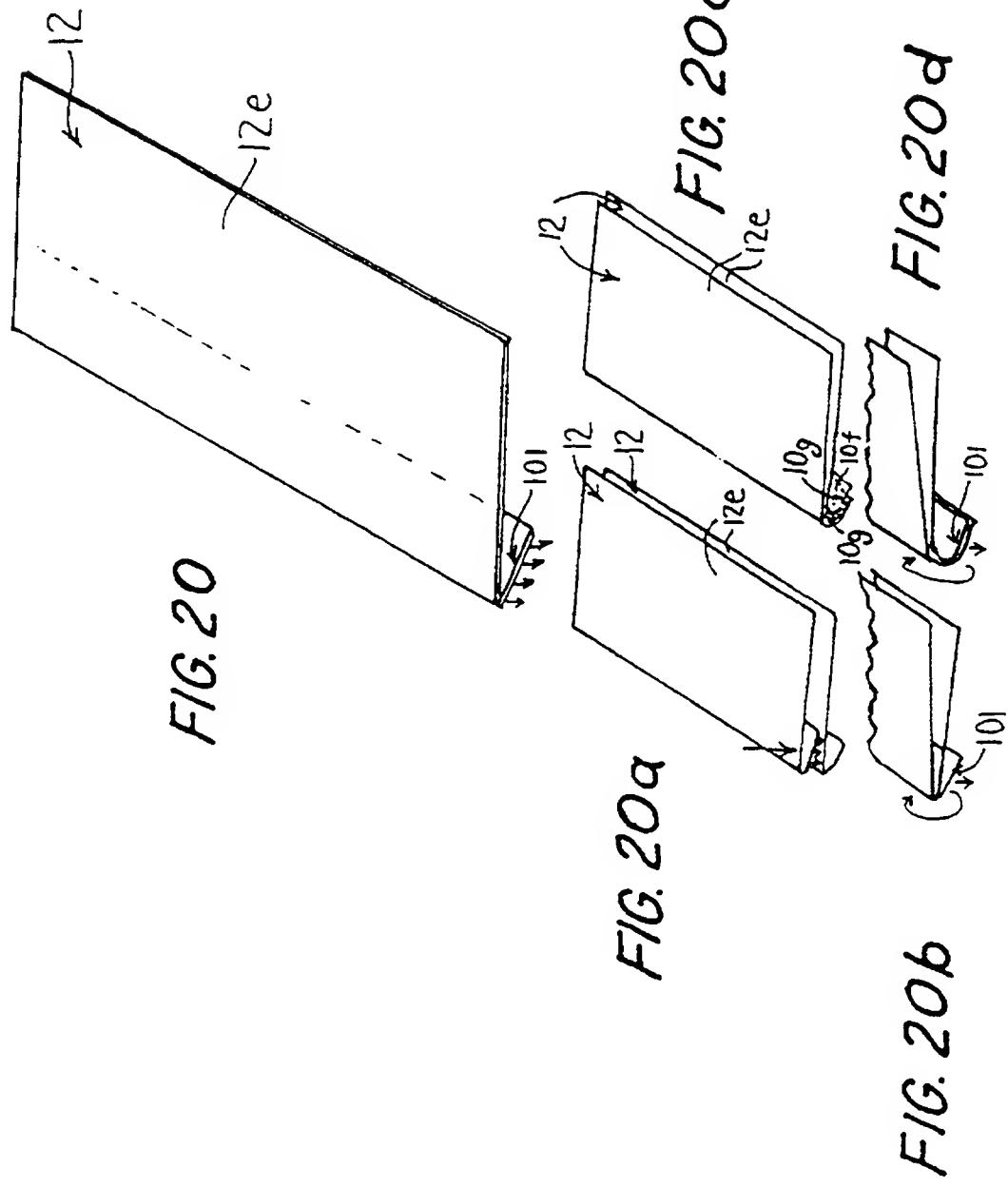
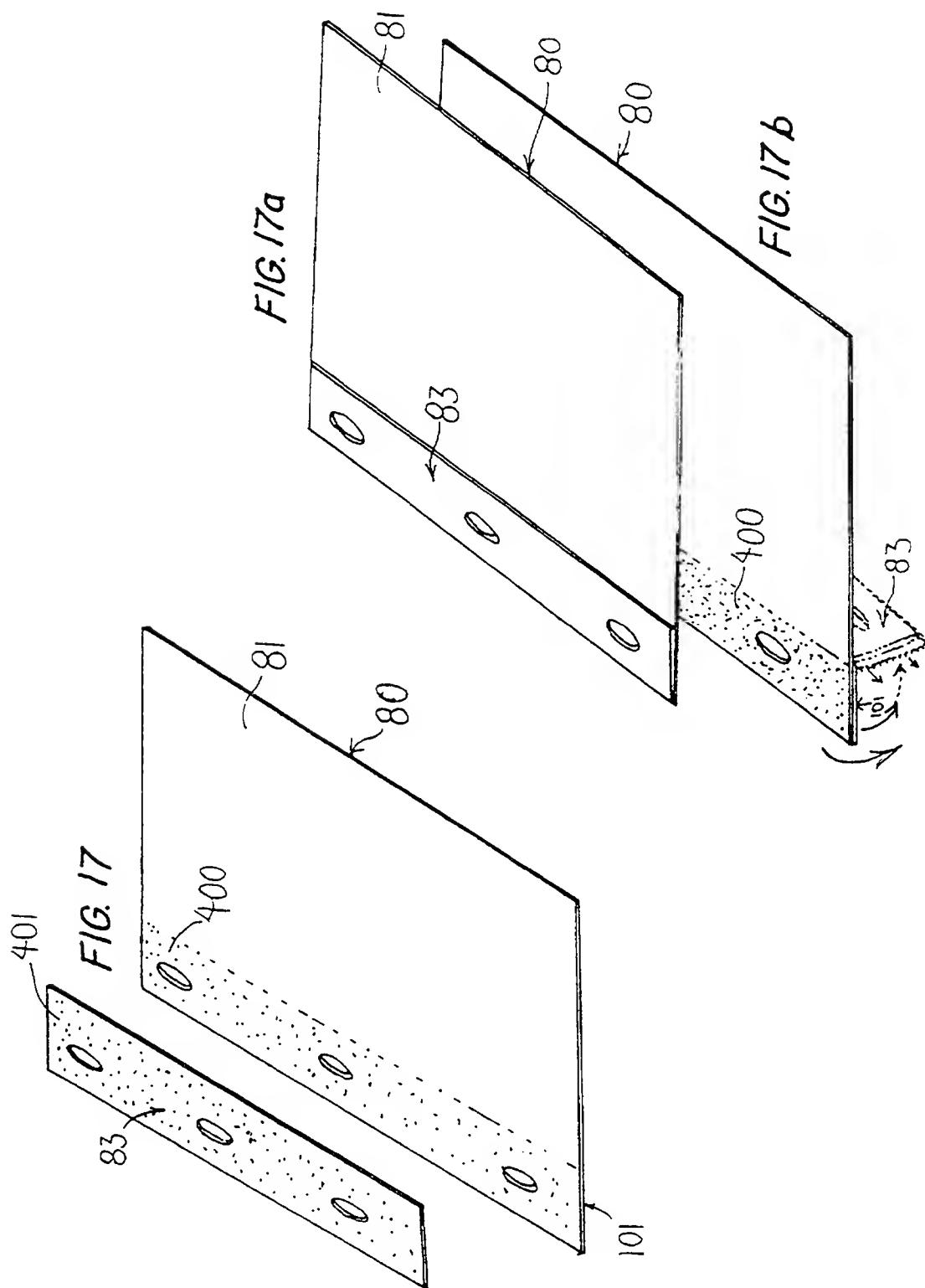


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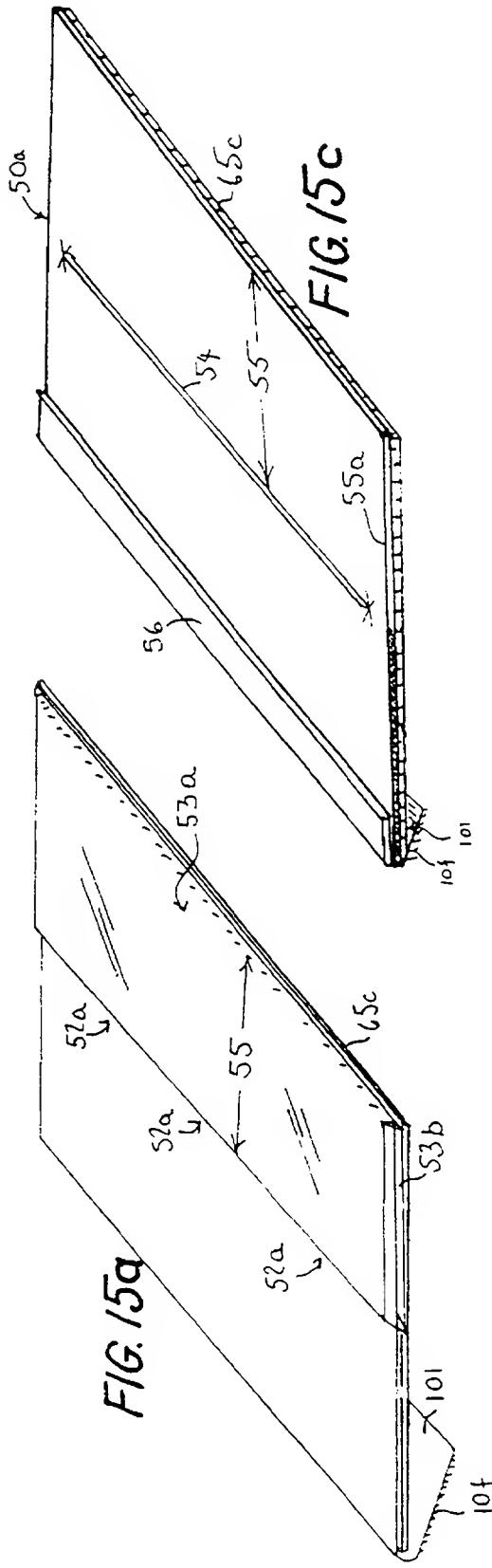


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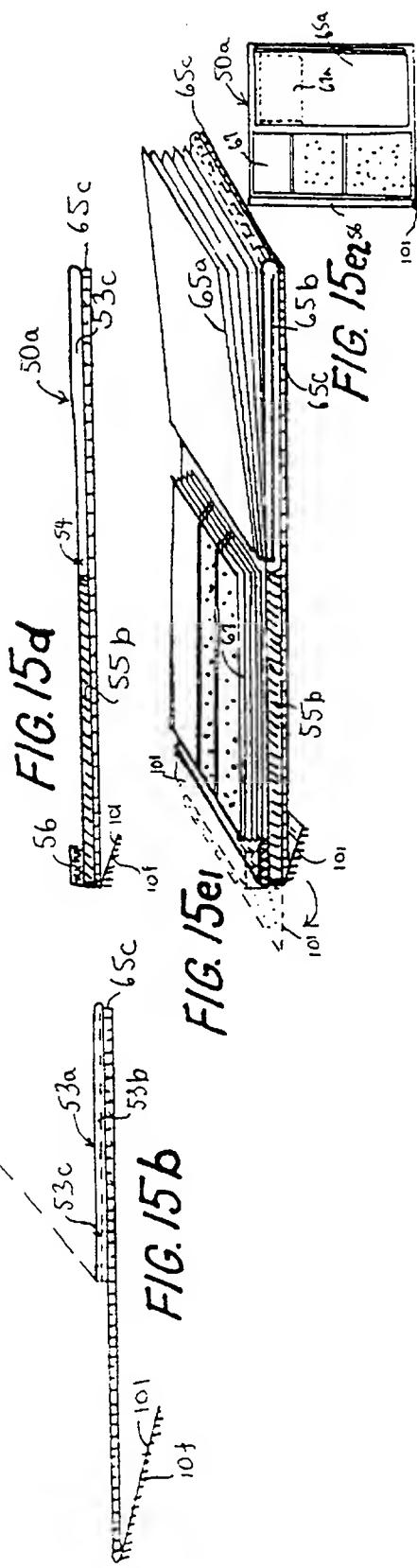


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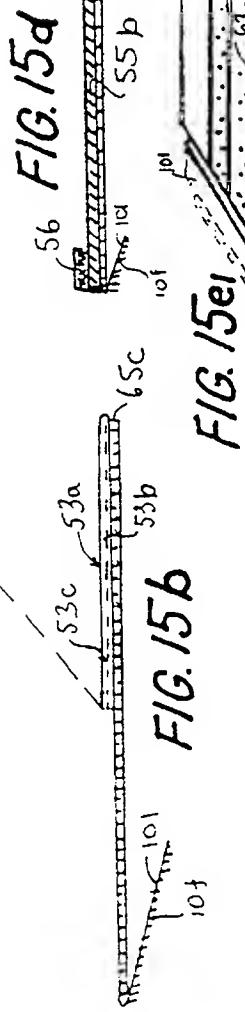


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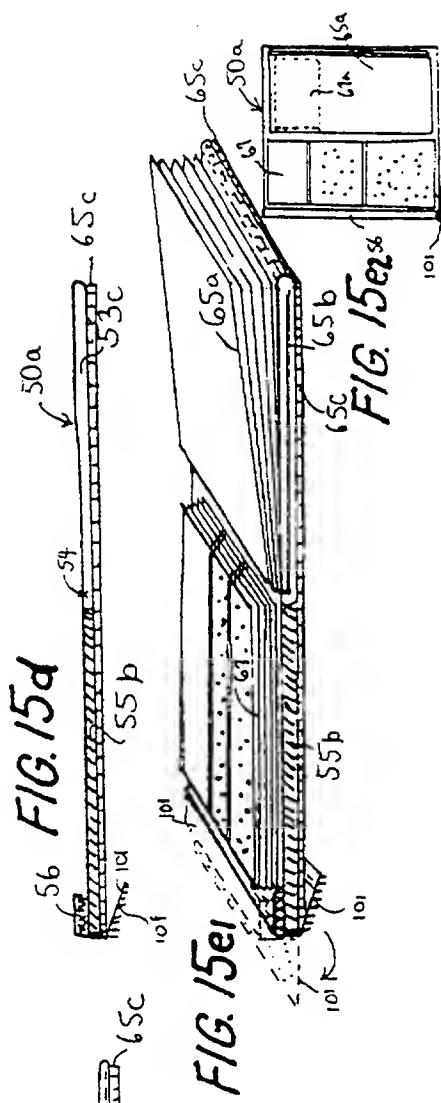
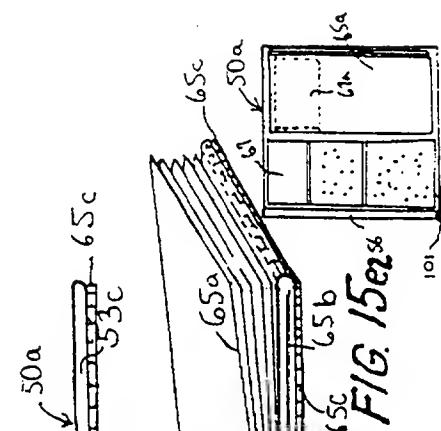
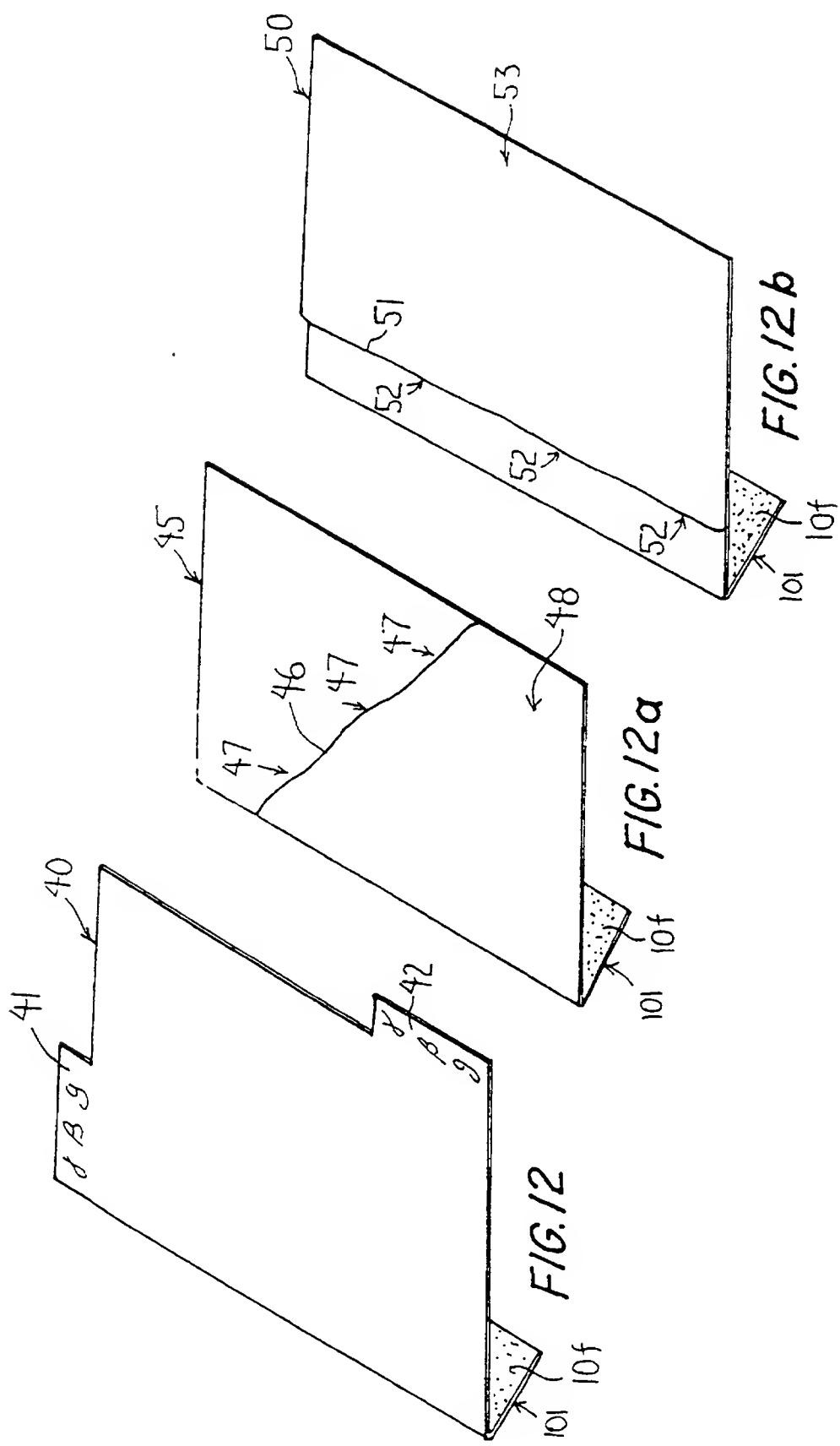
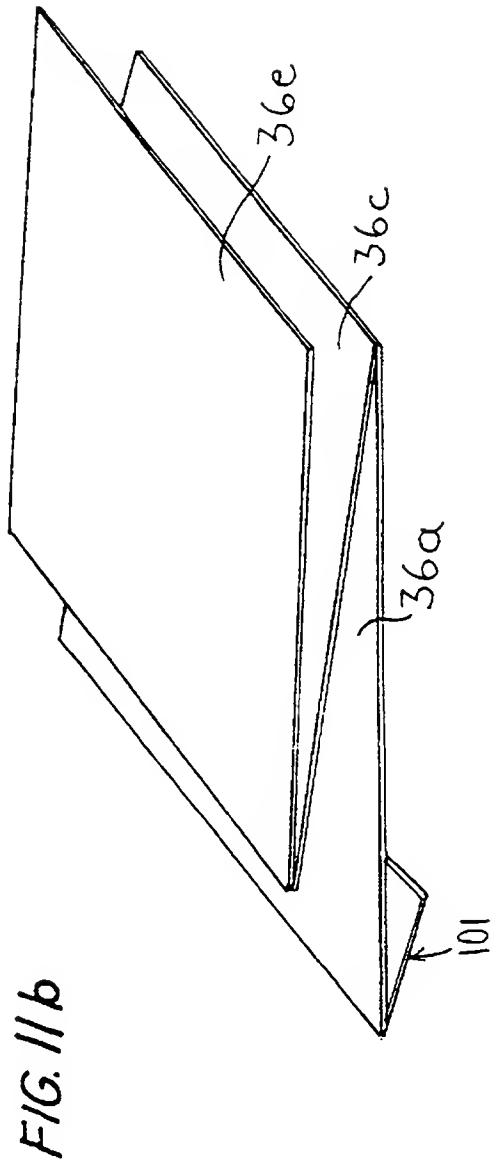
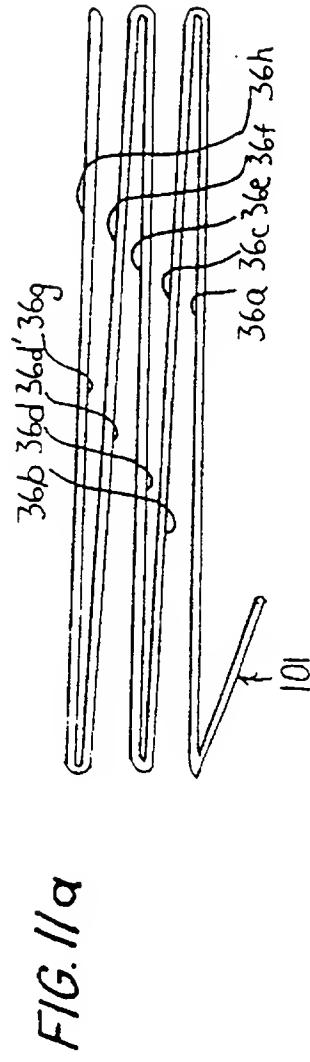
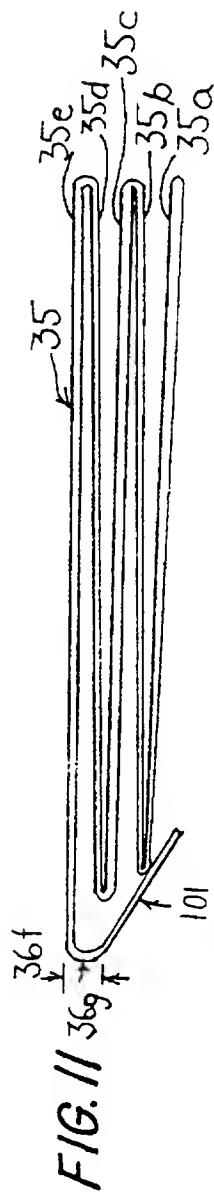
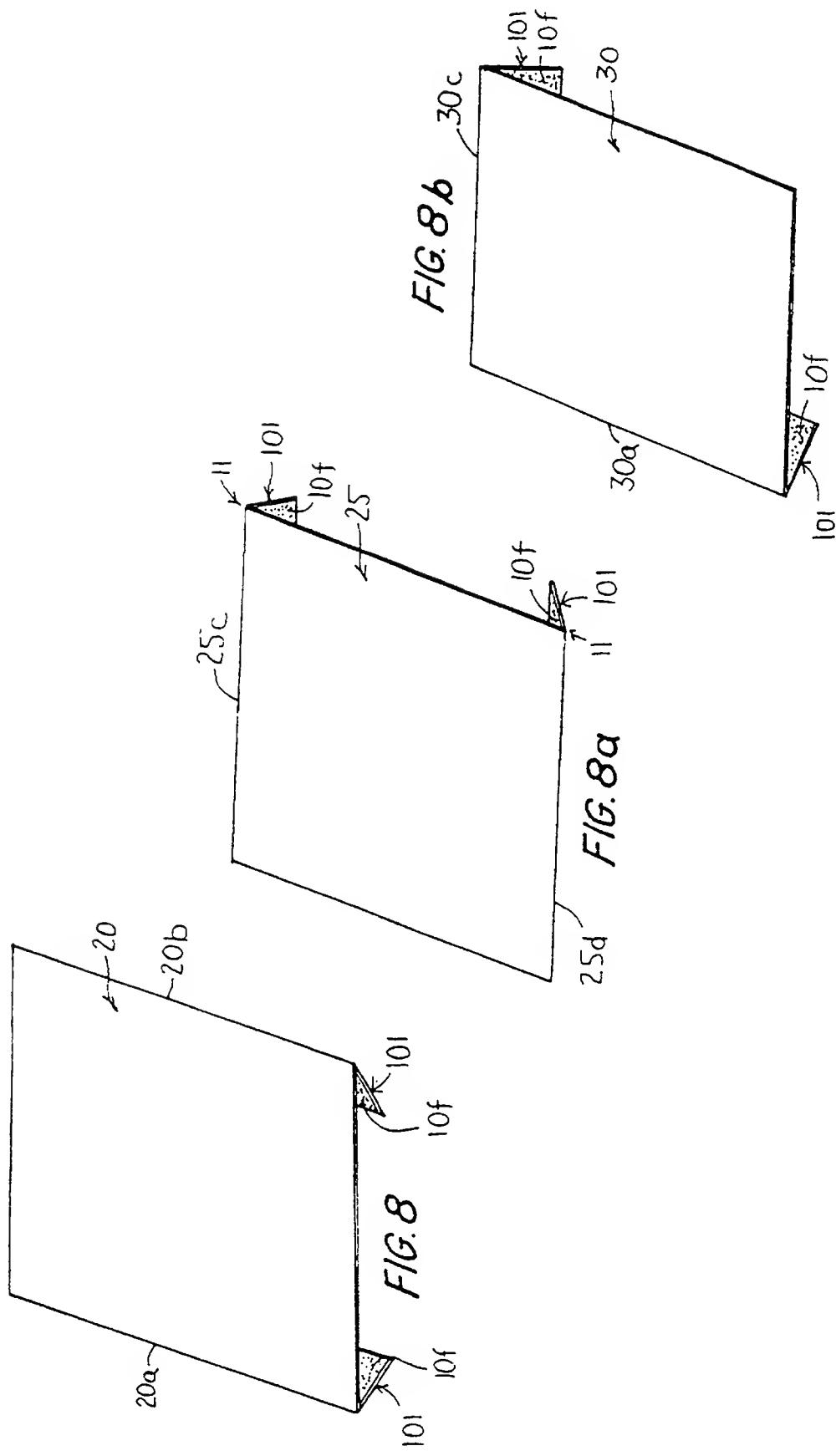


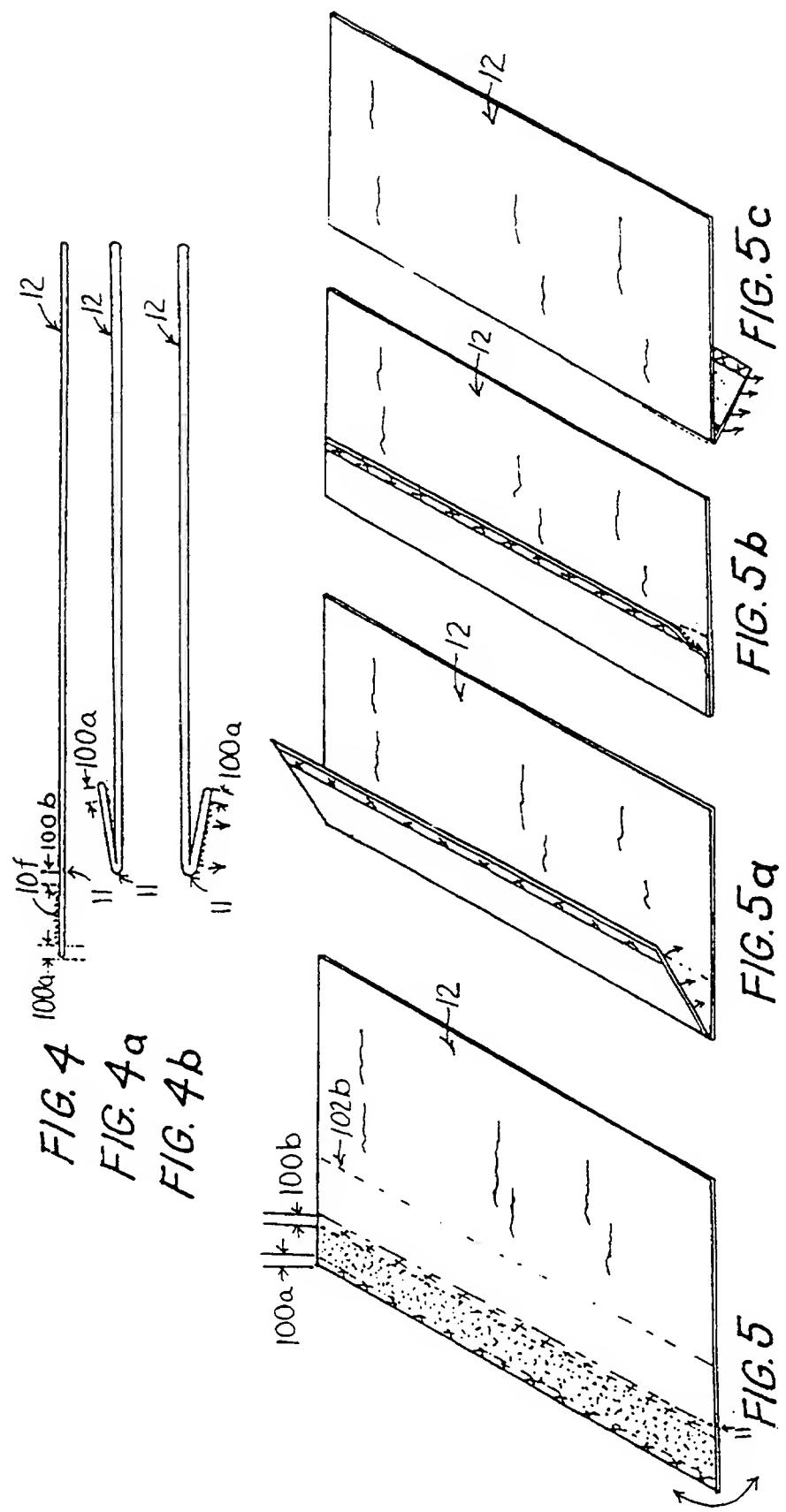
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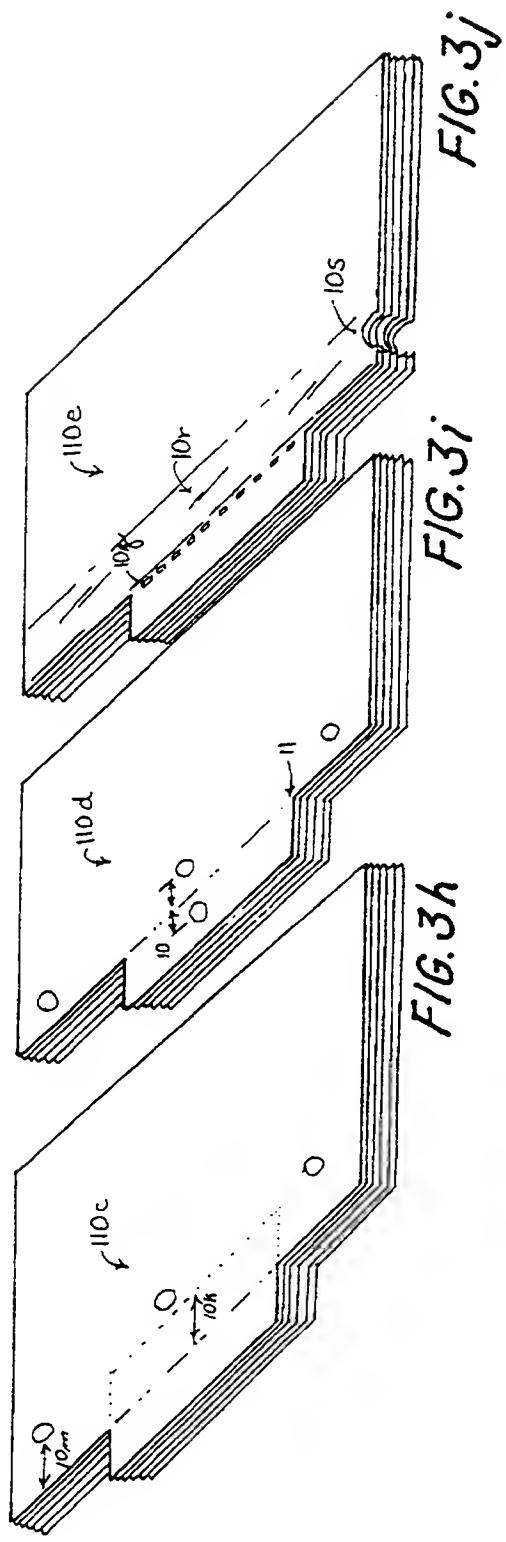
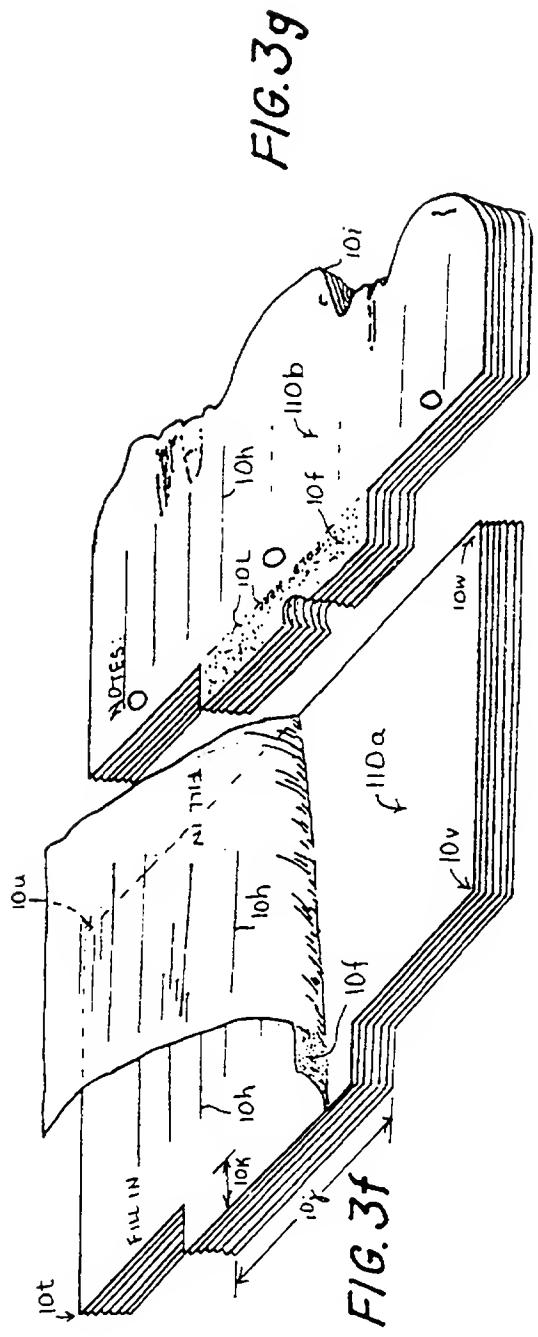
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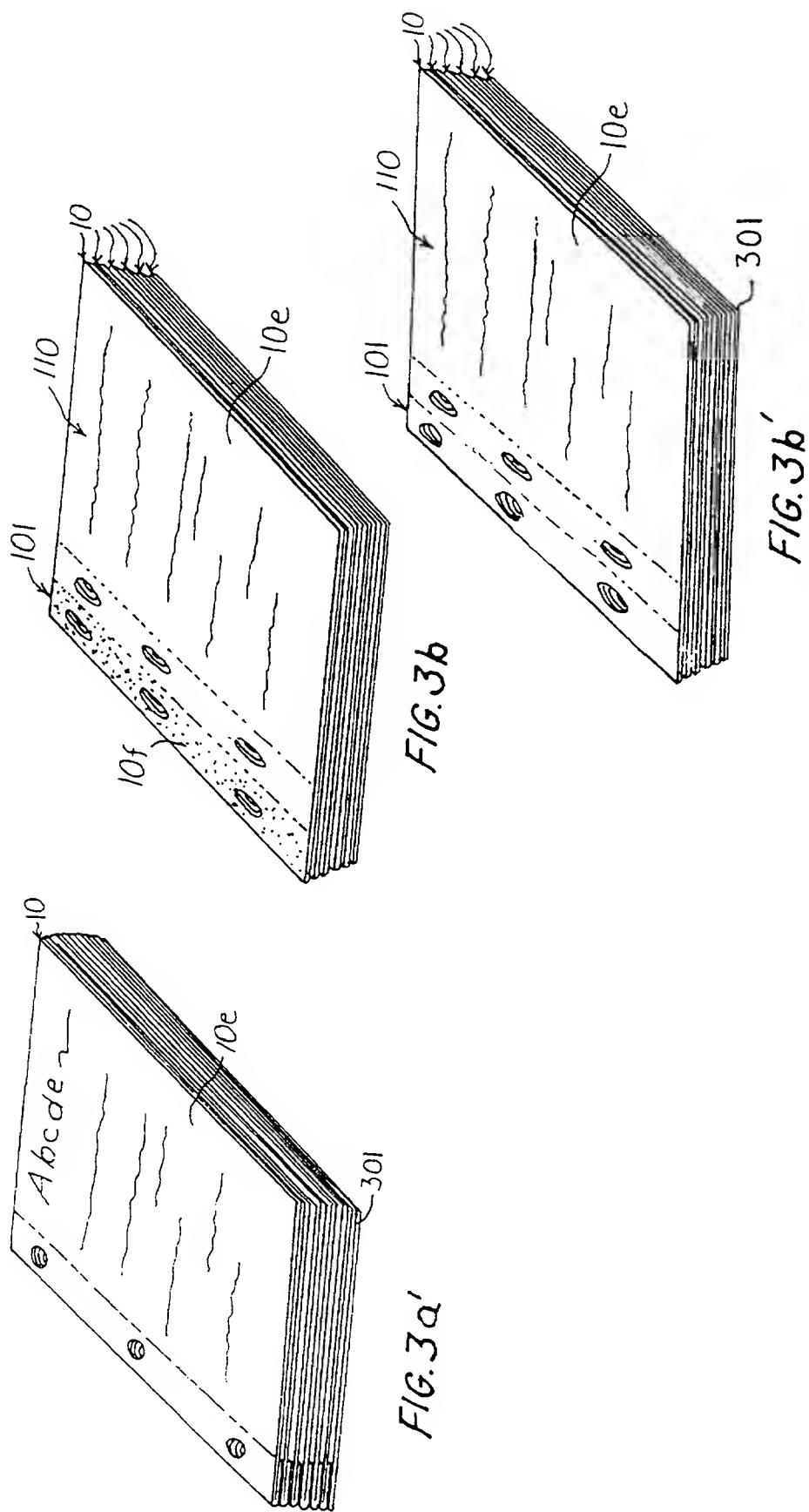












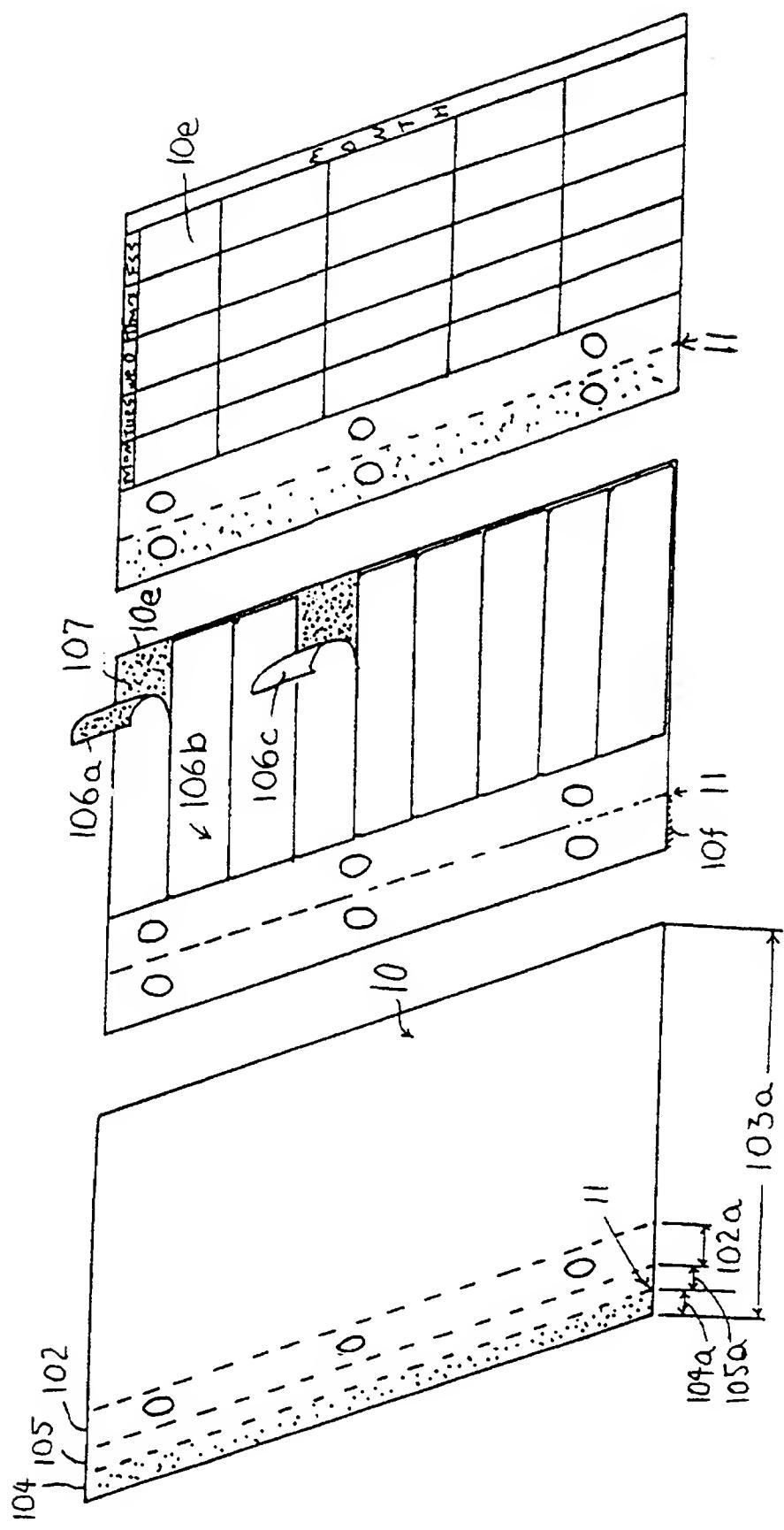


FIG. 2K

FIG. 2L

FIG. 2M

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No.

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Leaf Structure with a Hinged Positional Baffle, the specification of which

(check one)  is attached hereto. AS A COMPLETE COPY OF ISSUED PAT # 5,524,998.

was filed on 25

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and was amended on 25 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).<sup>25</sup>

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## Prior Foreign Application(s)

## Priority Claimed

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
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Declaration and Explanation of Partial Inoperative Patent with modification and explanation therefore

Honorable commissioner of patents and trademarks:

Dear Examiner,

Applicant herewith submits the attached enclosed Reissue application for patent no 5,524,998 "Leaf Structure with a hinged repositional binding" on the basis that it is partially inoperative and that applicant erred in not using a figure reference correctly in the specification and omitted without intention of omission the structure in the original claims.

Applicant respectfully requests the edition of the proper reference to the structure "perforation" be included in the reissue application. Applicant shows the perforation as structure "10j" in Fig. 3j. Applicant refers to this perforation in column 13 line 36-37 as "a strip separated by a simple perforation". Applicant incorrectly includes"(as previously shown in Fig 10)" where applicant should correctly have stated just the reference number to the perforation "10j". Therefore applicant has made the following change to the attached specification in the reissue application:

In column 13 line 37

Applicant has removed "(as previously shown in fig 10)" as an errant reference and has replaced it with simply "10j".

(As a point of reference to the preexisting proper reference to a perforation structure, it is noted that in column 28 line 38, applicant correctly references perforation with number 10q in Fig. 27h.)

The claim which would properly reference this structural feature requires an edition. Applicant respectfully requests to change claim 26 by adding the underlined portion as follows:

claim 26: The leaf structure of claim 23 wherein said fold hint is selected from the group including :(a) a series of one or more score cuts, and (b) a series of one or more perforations.

In order to operatively claim the perforation feature.

Applicant submits that the specification reference as modified above completes the reference to perforation and makes the specification operative on the structural reference to the perforation.

Applicant submits that the claim as edited above now properly claims the perforation as a fold hint, which structural feature as erroneously omitted in the original claim. Applicant affirms that the edit adds no new matter.

Applicant submits the claim as allowable over all known prior art to the applicant and that applicant knows of no matter which would prevent the allowance of the claim as amended and proposes the claim to make the reissue application fully operative on a perforated fold hint. Applicant therefore respectfully requests Examiner allow the reissue case and act in such manner to permit the publishing of the reissue application providing notification of same to applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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